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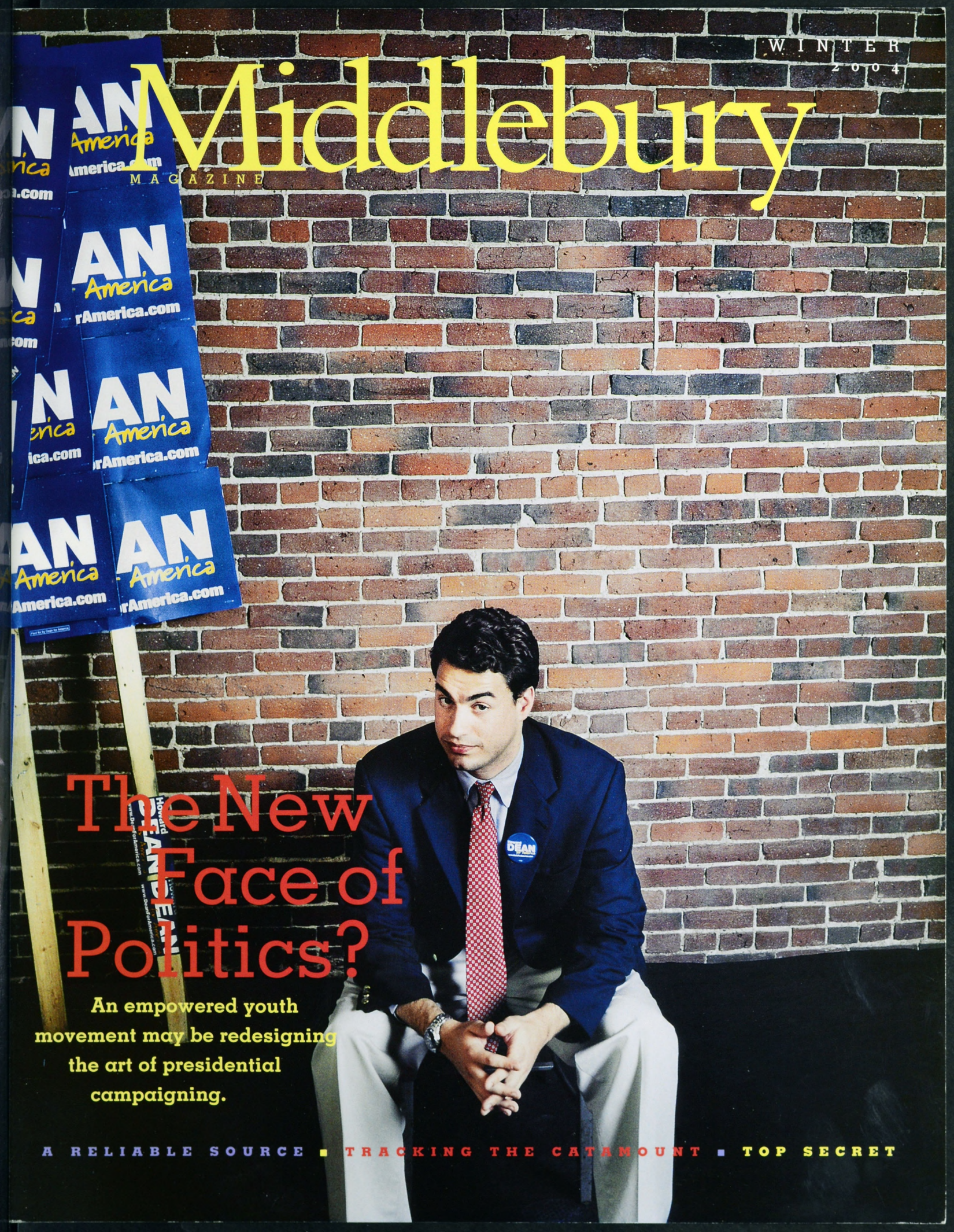

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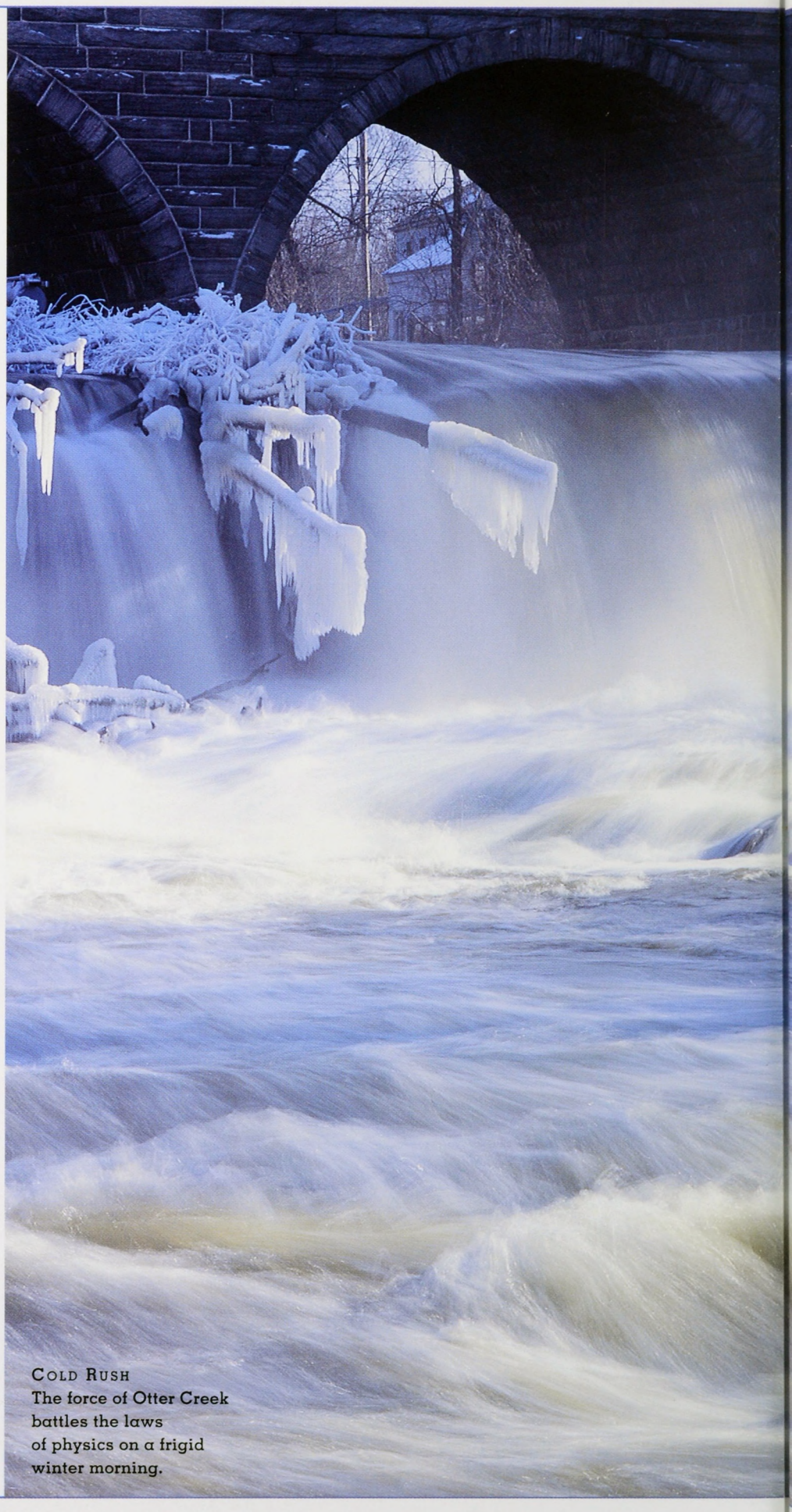

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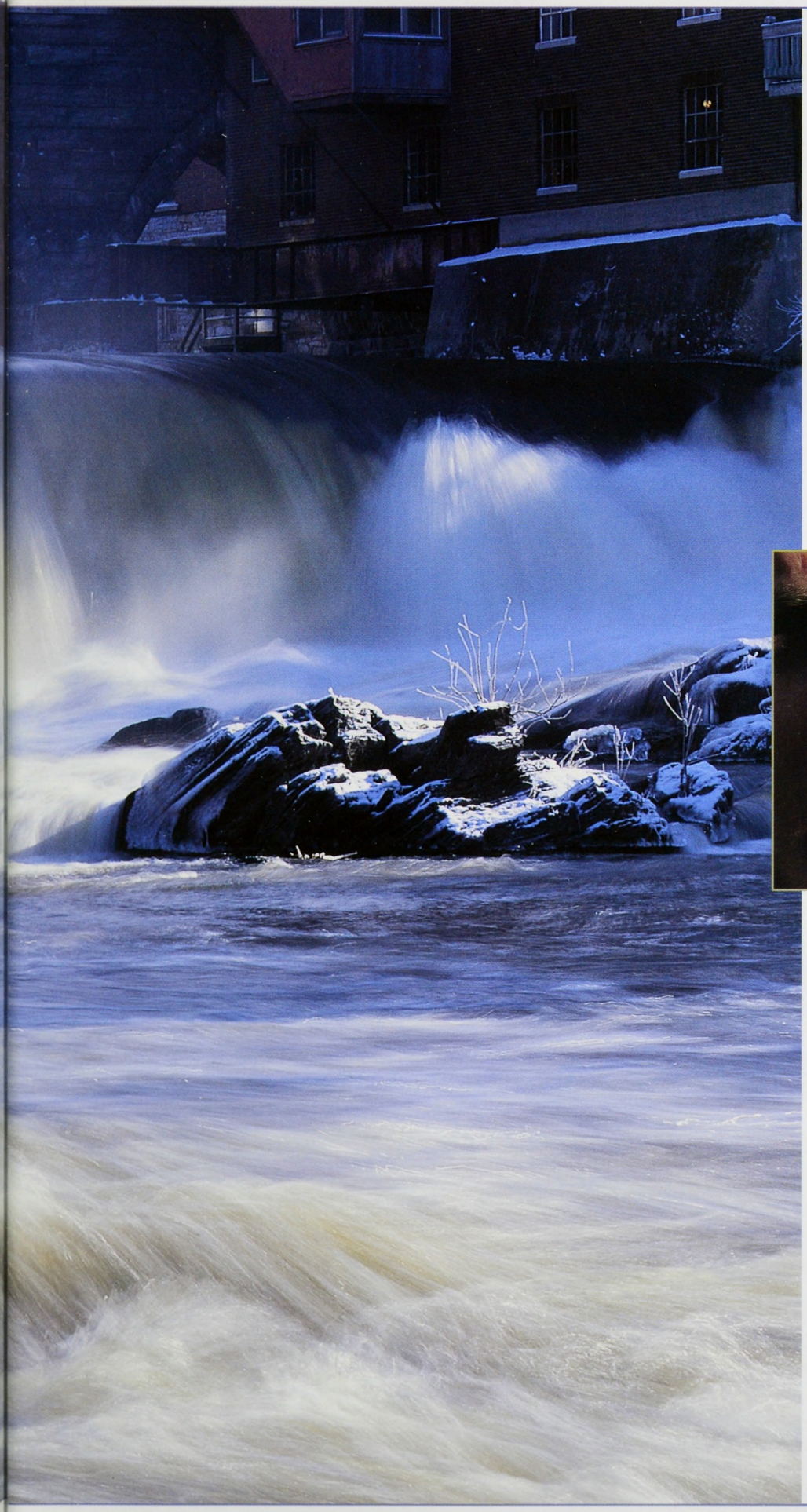

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THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RISK in selecting a cover image for a quarterly magazine when the image's relevance may depend on the whims of an unpredictable electorate. So it was with a hint of trepidation that we chose as a cover shot a young alum who is part of a contingent of Middlebury grads working on Howard Dean's campaign for president. As this magazine goes to press, however, Dean has emerged as a serious contender, if not the front runner, for the Democratic nomination, and at this point, I feel secure in the cover story's relevancy—whether or not Dean captures the nomination.

The *New York Times Magazine* beat us to the punch in publishing a cover story centered on the youth movement behind Dean's campaign (though I'll add, for the record, that we were working on the story long before the *Times* piece came out), and while our story focuses on a handful of recent Middlebury graduates (and in one case, a current student), the message is the same: the people behind this campaign may be rewriting the handbook for how presidential campaigns are run. Described to me by a colleague as "radical democracy . . . [allowing] real people who never before felt like they had any stake in the process to become deeply involved," this campaign has empowered these graduates, who have opened the doors for others, and so on. From my perspective as editor, whether one supports Howard Dean or not is beside the point. The bigger story is how the campaign is being run—and how these Middlebury alums are front and center in the effort.

Driving back from our cover shoot at Dean's campaign office in Manchester, New Hampshire, on a rainy November evening, *Magazine* designer Pam Fogg and I stopped to grab a bite to eat at a tavern in Hanover. As we were preparing to get back on the road, Pam glanced at her watch and bolted from the table, saying, "I'm going to see if the bartender will switch a TV to *Jeopardy*." I knew that Keith Williams '07 had advanced to the finals of *College Jeopardy*, which was airing that night, but had resigned myself to the fact that we wouldn't be able to catch his performance. Pam, however, had other ideas. I reluctantly followed her a few minutes later, expecting to find her in a full-blown argument with the bartender or receiving a great amount of vocal displeasure from the Dartmouth students, who were watching the Bruins when we arrived. What I discovered was far more surprising than Williams's victory that night.

When I walked into the bar, Pam was perched on a bar stool directly beneath a television broadcasting *Jeopardy* (the other television was still tuned to the Bruins). Most of the other patrons were still watching hockey, but as the quiz show progressed, more and more people were dividing their attention between the Boston Bruins and a skinny 18-year-old Middlebury first-year. By the time the final question rolled around, nearly three-quarters of the people had turned away from the Bruins and were boisterously rooting for our boy in blue. When he won, a loud cheer erupted—in Hanover, New Hampshire, of all places—in a bar a stone's throw from Dartmouth College.

Just three days before, when John McCardell announced that he was stepping down as president of Middlebury after 13 years in the post, he said, in part, "the spirit of this College and of its extended family has never been stronger, its prospects never brighter." Keith Williams's performance and the work of the alums on the Dean campaign are testament of that. —*MJ*

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You Say Tomato...

After seeing Chantelle Cooper's ('07) first-year dorm room in the fall 2003 issue of *Middlebury Magazine* ("Slice of Dorm Life"), I was amused by the contrast with my senior-year interpretation of a dorm room. This sculpture (see photo at right) was part of the collection of my work which was considered when I was awarded the Middlebury College Friends of the Art Museum Award for a College senior.

Andy Lynch '03
New York, New York

A Man in Full

With respect to the article on Bob Buckeye ("The Book Keeper," summer 2003), as a past invited lecturer to the Abernethy Series, an expatriot resident of the Middlebury area, and a friend of Bob's, I read this overdue recognition happily.

Might I add that his hard work is reflected not only by three decades of service in his field of arts and letters, but also by his toiling as a writer of distinctive fiction and commentary.

Not only that, Bob was a heck of a best man at my wedding, a stellar teammate in the outfield of many a softball contest played behind the field house, and an energizing conversationalist. And, above all, Bob remains a warm and dear friend.

He is, as humans go, the total package.

Stephen Calhoun
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

Lively Profs

Your article detailing the *Princeton Review*'s ranking of Middlebury as first in the category "professors bring material to life" ("Survey Says!," fall 2003) came as no surprise to me.

At one of Professor Arthur Healy's ('24) History of Art classes in 1954, he picked up a chair and threw it across the classroom into a wall. This was to demonstrate a type of art that he was speaking about at the time. Fortunately, or unfortunately, no student was asleep at the time, as the crash would have surely caused an embarrassing awakening. Healy's classes were so interesting that you would never doze off, even though it was late in the day.

Hugh van Zelm '56
Wilmington, North Carolina

ROOM WITH A VIEW
This Andy Lynch '03 sculpture, an interpretation of a dorm room, stands in stark contrast to the *Magazine's* photo of a first-year dorm room in the fall issue.

This One's Going to Overtime

While it is heartening to have President McCardell write about what has been called "The Bowen Report" ("Reclaiming Games," fall 2003), he will have to deal with the issues raised in that report in future columns, as he leaves many questions dangling. But to be fair, Middlebury cannot deal with these issues alone or our teams will suffer on the field, unnecessarily.

Currently living near Hanover, New Hampshire, I see occasional Dartmouth games. When I attended a Harvard-Dartmouth hockey preseason game, over two-thirds of the players of both teams listed as their previous team, not a secondary school, but a variety of development teams, and Dartmouth boasted of three NHL drafted players. Ivy League schools as farm teams for the NHL?

But on to Division III. Just because Middlebury's incoming athletes have test scores at the same level as other freshmen does not necessarily mean they will perform at that level, due to pressures to perform on the field and to broadly held expectations in the community, Mayo Fujii's ('05) uplifting story in the same issue notwithstanding ("Being Mayo Fujii").

What is the distribution of majors of Middlebury's "rated" athletes? That courageous disclosure by the Middlebury administration would show great leadership in the NESCAC and would greatly advance this real debate.

Incidentally, I am not against a high level of athletic achievement in itself. Middlebury's nationally ranked ski team, RPI's and Colorado College's hockey teams, and Johns Hopkins' lacrosse team all compete at the highest levels, but they only involve 20–30 students or 1–2 per cent of the enrollment, and they provide a good focus for the students and the alumni. But trying to compete nationally, across the board, hurts Ivies and near-Ivies, and that is the issue.

Charles Buell '64
Plainfield, New Hampshire

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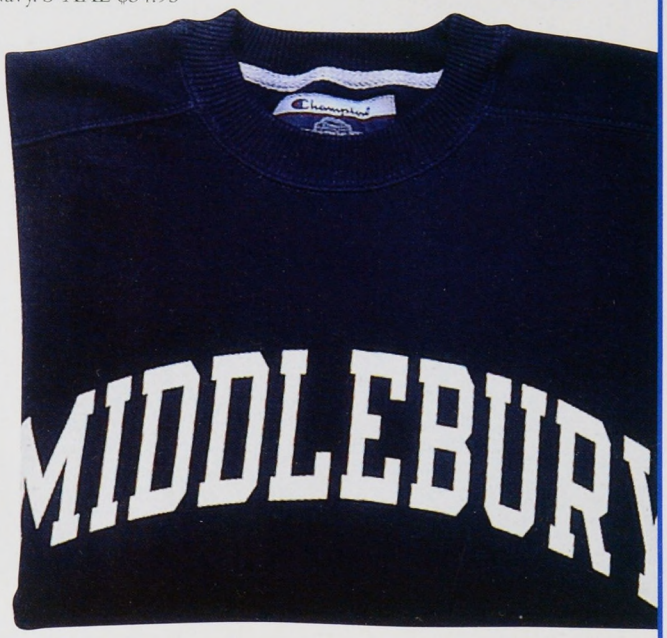

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Misplaced Priorities

President McCardell raises some interesting points in his column "Reclaiming Games" (fall 2003) concerning admittance of athletes to Division III schools. I have read and many times reread the athletic philosophy that Middlebury College publishes, and it is one that I heartily support. Middlebury has a reputation as a "jock school," not just for the number of students participating in varsity athletics, but also because of the number of students involved in athletics outside of varsity sports, including skiers, kayakers, rock climbers, ultimate Frisbee players, and many other unorganized athletic activities.

I believe, however, that President McCardell may be missing the reality beyond the Admissions Office. In my student days, and now in the student days of my daughter, a significant number of upperclassmen drop out of varsity athletics. My observation is that academics are indeed the first priority of these students, but athletics take priority for their coaches. Students are penalized by the coaches for putting academics first. If the NESCAC philosophy is to flourish, coaches will need to take that philosophy to heart and allow their athletes the leeway to be academic achievers, perhaps by sacrificing some practice time and even some winning.

Gail Davidson '70, P'04
Fairbanks, Alaska

The Military Constituency

I was struck by the ironic juxtaposition of the first and last pages of the fall issue, which opened with a letter critiquing Middlebury's contributions to the military ("Midd's Regrettable Path") and closed with a final obituary—of a Middlebury French School alumnus, a U.S. Marine who was the first soldier killed in combat in the latest Iraq war.

I have learned that since the hostilities began there are innumerable members of the extended Middlebury community serving in the military. My own stepson, a Marine who signed up after 9/11, is among them, and he wrote eloquent letters home from Baghdad, filled with his

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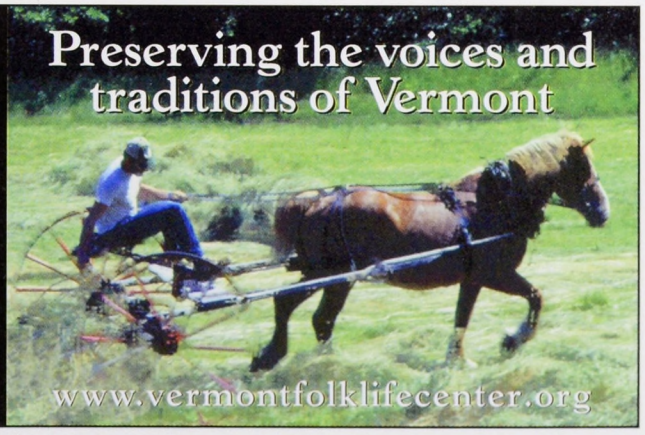

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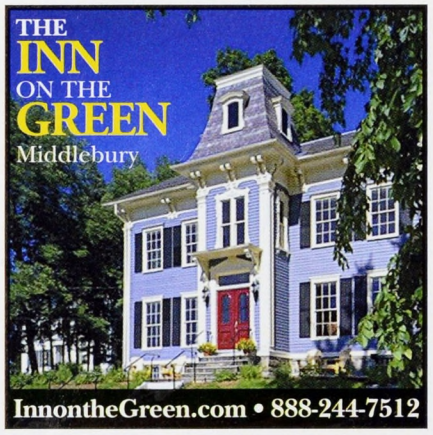

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hopes to finish college after his stint. In recent years, Middlebury has welcomed former Navy SEALS and Marines as students. Just last month a fellow College staff member in the reserves left his family and job for a year in Afghanistan, and the son of one of our trustees is a long-serving Marine Corps officer.

While perhaps we cannot expect students to be attracted to the difficult life of the service after four years in pastoral Vermont, in our continuing efforts at true diversity, we might want to encourage more former members of the military to come to Middlebury. They would add a large measure of life experience, maturity, and commitment to our student body and to our pool of Middlebury alumni-veterans.

Elizabeth Karnes Keefe
Cornwall, Vermont

Open Forum

Michael K. Heaney '64 raises profound issues ("Midd's Regrettable Path," fall 2003) regarding the aversion to the military that pervades Middlebury and other elite educational institutions. While the military may be taboo at your campus, your Letters to the Editor department seems admirably uncensored.

F. Barry Nelson, P'00
Cold Spring Harbor, New York

Silence in Academia

I found Michael Heaney's letter on Middlebury veterans ("Midd's Regrettable Path," fall 2003) extremely thought provoking.

It has been two years and almost two months since 9/11, yet American academia remains silent. For four decades, the Vietnam experience shaped their view of the military and national security. Those old views really do not apply now. Osama bin Laden is not Ho Chi Minh, but has academia told its students that?

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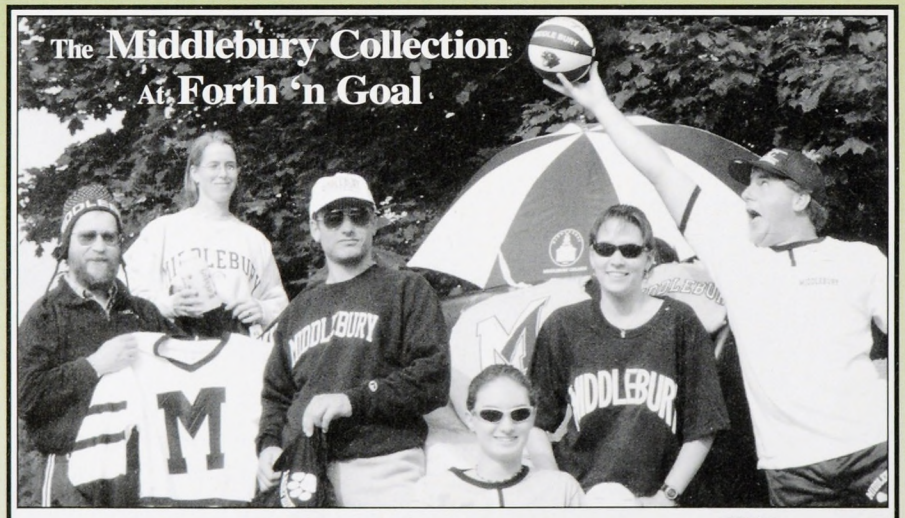

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understanding really do play key roles in this war. If institutions like Middlebury are not prepared to offer their renowned expertise in such areas, will the "educational" institutions of Osama—as symbolized by the bobbing heads of those boys engaged in the rote memorizing of their Qur'an—win out in the long run?

Don Ullmann, M.A. German '72
Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
Conway, South Carolina

Seeking a Few Good Midds

Michael Heaney's letter in the fall issue of *Middlebury Magazine* ("Midd's Regrettable Path") strikes at the heart of the role of higher education in the viability of our armed forces, our nation, and the very planet on which we live. Mike and I organized the Middlebury veterans' reunions held in 2000 and 2003 to honor the "citizen soldiers" of all services who served in all wars since 1800. Middlebury's veterans—living and dead—took the same oath to serve and defend our nation *with the implicit assumption that our country would be doing the right thing and that sacrifices they were willing to make would not be in vain.*

The debate about the reasons for the Bush Administration to engage in the war in Iraq raises the question of whether those reasons were "the right thing." The rationale—which sold Congress to commit our troops to combat resulting in numerous dead and wounded, widespread anguish from losses, and further devastation of our economy—has not been reconciled. It is becoming increasingly evident that policy makers at the top of our government intended to use Iraq as a steppingstone toward creation of a "global American empire" and intentionally deceived the American people, including Congress, to achieve this aim.

The American military, which includes several Middlebury graduates, has served with great honor and effectiveness in a very difficult and unfamiliar battlefield, and in fulfilling its *military mission,* its members have not made their sacrifices in vain. However, the Bush Administration's neoconservative mission of world domination by force and deceit

is inconsistent with the moral uprightness upon which this nation was founded, and accordingly, viewed from this perspective, makes all such sacrifices fruitless.

Significant damage has been done, eroding domestic and international confidence in the wealth and capabilities of our great nation. Higher education must embrace a goal of providing our country with its share of citizens who possess the intelligence, values, and ethical backbone to fill the ranks of government with military, career, and elected officials who will support and promote the foundations on which this nation was created.

Middlebury College has the opportunity to lead higher education in pursuit of restoring self-respect and honor to America by encouraging its high-quality students to explore service in the military and government at all levels.

Richard E. Powell '56
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
Gainesville, Virginia

A Call to Arms

In respect to Michael Heaney's fall 2003 letter, "Midd's Regrettable Path": Throughout history, American citizen soldiers have avoided service until pressed upon them by public need. This is a strength of our democracy, because no one signs up until and unless there is a period of true national emergency—and then reluctantly. Such a national emergency accompanied by a Congressional declaration of war should be the only circumstances when service men and women are committed to combat.

Jon Berger '67
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Two Roads Diverged in a Wood

This letter is in response to the gentleman who wrote in your last issue regarding Middlebury's regrettable path ("Midd's Regrettable Path," fall 2003). While I honor the gentleman as a veteran, never having been one myself, though I registered for the draft, I must take issue with his portrayal of Middlebury as an institution that does not honor the military traditions of its history.

I also must take issue with the obvious attempt by the gentleman to speak for everyone. I have a son who is a sophomore at Middlebury this year, and I am very proud that Middlebury is more concerned with my son's education and well-being than his recruitment for warfare. Especially now, when the U.S. occupation of Iraq is as unjust and unprincipled as are the aggressors the U.S. has defended the world against. Providing cannon fodder (or shoulder-fired-missile fodder) for the people the Bush Administration sees as enemies, is not a choice my son, as an eligible young man, or I, as his father, want to make. It would be one thing if the undeclared war in Iraq had any point other than to line the pockets of the executives of the companies which W. covets as sponsors. It has no other point that I can see. Moreover, George Bush has lied about this action in Iraq so many times, has changed his story so often, that

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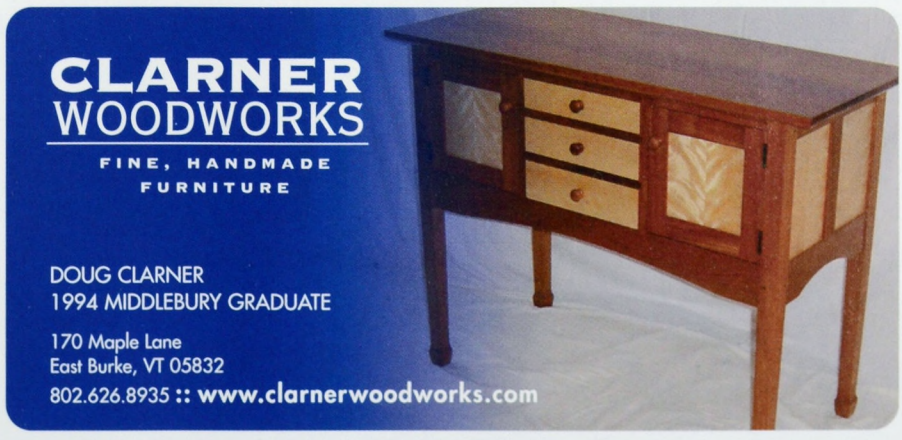

I cannot even conceive of any child of mine backing such a man or his wars.

Middlebury's only regrettable path, as I can see it, is that it must, of necessity, stand against those of its illustrious alumni who can't seem to see beyond the end of their noses or the eagle decorations on their flagpoles. I must commend the institution for exercising its basic American right of freedom of speech and equal time by printing Mr. Heaney's letter, as offensive as it is. I would rather have the College in trouble with people like Mr. Heaney than have my son facing the business end of a shoulder-fired missile, while George W. Bush and his ilk sit back and count the money (read, the oil) that they are stealing from the Iraqi people. I would also have the College follow James Baldwin's dictum, "My country right or wrong: when right to be kept right, when wrong to be put right," rather than blindly follow where misguided, underhanded, unprincipled, cowardly, greedy, unscrupulous politicians want us to follow.

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the College for the courage in printing it, and my country for encouraging lively debate. But to have institutions of higher learning used as incubators of lambs-to-the-slaughter is unjust, immoral, and just plain wrong.

Calvin H. Johnson, P'06
Ukiah, California

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CHANGE AT THE TOP
After 13 years as president of Middlebury, John McCardell decides to exit the game. But he's not going far.

For McCardell, It's Time for a Change

MEET THE PRESS
John McCardell sat for an interview with WCAX-TV's Jack Thurston '02 after announcing he would be stepping down as president.

THE E-MAIL SENT TO THE MIDDLEBURY community on the morning of November 18 was brief and cryptic: "Members of the campus community are invited to come to Mead Chapel today after classes end at 12:15 for an important announcement."

Such a mysterious missive naturally set off a flurry of additional e-mails, phone calls, and word-of-mouth chatter that consumed most, if not all, of the morning; by noon Mead Chapel was filled to capacity. In one row, four students huddled and fervently speculated on what the announcement could be. "To be honest, one of our first thoughts was that President McCardell had died, but then we saw him outside, so we knew that wasn't the case," said one young woman.

At exactly 12:15, John McCardell and Board of Trustees Chair Churchill Franklin '71 strode onto the stage and were greeted by sustained applause. As McCardell stepped to the podium, a student whispered to her friend, "This is exciting." As if in response, McCardell grinned and exclaimed to the audience *sotto voce:* "Suspense."

As he often does, the history professor and College president began by telling a story. It was a humorous tale concerning a former president of a Jesuit school who had stepped down and subsequently accepted a post as the registrar at the same college. Before the story—more important, its relevance—could truly sink in, McCardell dropped a bombshell, of sorts. "This morning," he exclaimed, "I informed the Prudential Committee of the Board of Trustees of my desire to relinquish my duties as president of Middlebury College, as of June 30, 2004."

As flashbulbs (from a gathered press) began to pop, the assembled crowd seemed to collectively exhale. It wasn't a gasp, per se, but more of a quasi-stunned exclamation. McCardell quickly followed up his pronouncement with the reassurance that he would not be seeking the position of registrar, but that he would, in fact, be remaining at Middlebury. After a year of travel, McCardell, who will have served as president for 13 years, will return to the

PHOTOGRAPH BY TRENT CAMPBELL

Quote/Unquote

"Middlebury College. Wow. On the eighth day, God created this place."

—*Sports Illustrated* columnist Peter King, writing in his September 29, 2003, online column about a recent college visit with his daughter.

In Search Of

Shortly after John McCardell announced his intention to step down as Middlebury College president on June 30, 2004, Board of Trustees Chair Churchill Franklin '71 unveiled Middlebury's plan to appoint the College's 16th president.

In late November, Franklin announced the formation of a search committee comprised of alumni, faculty, staff, a student, and trustees empowered to lead a national search for McCardell's successor. Trustee Frederick Fritz '68 was tapped to serve as chair of the committee, which will be advised by global management consulting firm A.T. Kearney. Franklin said he hopes the search will be completed before the end of spring semester.

College in July 2005 as president emeritus, trustee emeritus, and professor of history.

"My successor will inherit a College rich in things, but richer still in spirit," McCardell said. "Our academic, residential, social, and athletic facilities are second to none. Our financial condition is sound. Our faculty and staff are extraordinarily talented in the work they do and unhesitatingly committed to the special mission of the residential liberal arts college. Our students are drawn from the largest and deepest and strongest applicant pool in our history, and by their accomplishments and by their character they exemplify what it means to go here and, as alumni, what it means to have gone here. In short, the spirit of this College and of its extended family has never been stronger, its prospects never brighter."

McCardell proceeded to thank the entire community—the Board of Trustees, administrative colleagues, faculty, staff, students, friends, and family—before concluding with words from Tennyson and an affirmation to vigorously apply himself to the work that remains in the current academic year.

And with that, he was greeted by a rousing standing ovation. Blinking back tears, he patted his chest and waved.

Behind the Music

When Center for the Arts administrators sat down last summer to brainstorm ways to attract audiences for Thursday evening hours during the 2003–2004 year, they immediately hit upon a plan that would appeal to those raised on both MTV and Victrolas. Music—specifically acoustic and a cappella performances dubbed Museum Unplugged—would be the ticket.

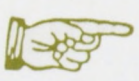
The museum's successful strategy was on full display during the final Thursday event of 2003. Early in the evening Ditty Steele '04 sat at a piano, playing Broadway show tunes—"On My Own," "Memories"—while a crowd of mostly gray-haired folks mingled in the CFA lobby. As the night proceeded, however, Steele switched from piano to guitar, the songs got a little bluesier, and the gathering grew progressively younger, as students started to filter in from the library and gym.

"We wanted an unplugged version of what the Grille and the Gamut Room do," Andrea Solomon, events and programs coordinator for the Museum of Art, says of Museum Unplugged. "We wanted the CFA to be a student space at night, to study and get coffee, with music playing in the background. We knew we needed entertainment, and food, to make it more of an experience."

The Museum Unplugged performances began in October and will run through the end of the academic year with hopes of drawing students and members of the Middlebury community into the museum.

"The musicians are here to bring in the people, then they'll check out the museum. If this tradition goes on, they can just get better performers and get a better draw," says Ditty Steele. Steele's not attempting to denigrate her own musical talents, which drew a good turnout of students and community members; let's just say that she's singing a positive tune.

—*Taylor Swift '04*



Looking for Rob Chisholm's latest Watson dispatch? "Hey Joe" can be found on page 72.

Minding Your P's and Q's

A WELL-DRESSED CROWD GATHERS in the Château grand salon for a finely catered affair, but something seems, well, a touch odd. It *looks* like a cocktail party: waiters pass trays of dainty hors d'oeuvres, people make small talk and pour drinks. But the drinks contain not a drop of alcohol (straight seltzer with lime, sparkling cider, and Virgin Marys stand in for more typical beverages) and the chitchat is tinged with anxiety.

"When is it appropriate to take my dinner jacket off?"

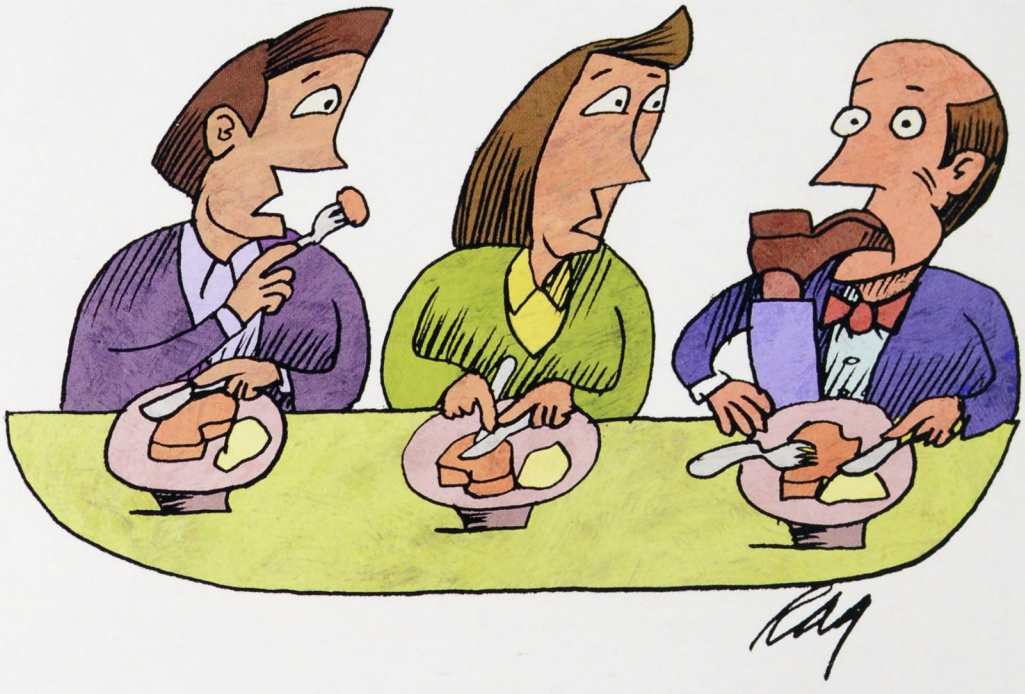
"Should I stand when someone excuses themselves from the table?"

"If the person interviewing me has something in his or her teeth, do I tell them?"

Eager to learn the finer points of social graces, a contingent of Middlebury seniors has arrived at the Château for a Career Services-sponsored crash course in professional etiquette. Taught by Jodi Smith of the Boston-based etiquette-consulting firm Mannersmith, the three-hour event is designed to smooth the social transition from college to the world of business dinners, power lunches, and cocktail parties.

"Small talk is a skill," Smith begins, "but anyone, with enough practice, can master it."

She demonstrates the proper handshake (firm but not painful, brief but not rushed) and the best way to introduce oneself (state full name and a brief self-introduction). Conversation, Smith explains, is like a game of catch with each person holding a ball for a few seconds before throwing it back. The typical chat will last about seven minutes, Smith says, and then one should excuse oneself by saying how much they enjoyed talking with the person. Never make up excuses like "I have to go to the bathroom," or "I think I'm going to get another drink."



Smith pauses after each new lesson, and the students practice. Conversations are awkward at first: hands flit towards pockets, but are quickly pulled back; introductory lines are skipped and then remembered. After the third or fourth try, however, small talk starts to flow easily; now, however, casual student babble has been replaced by polite, structured conversation.

Cocktail manners mastered, Smith and the students relocate to the Château dining room for a four-course meal—and a lesson in table manners.

"If the person interviewing me has something in his or her teeth, do I tell them?"

"Always remember, B.M.W.," Smith says. "Bread, meal, water. Law firms in Boston have lost clients after a new recruit has eaten the bread off the wrong plate." A few students grimace, imagining the fate of those poor recruits.

While the students eat their main course, Smith slides from table to table answering questions. Almost everyone has a personal etiquette nightmare they want to know the way out of, and Smith offers detailed solutions for even the most bizarre scenarios ("Can I date my boss?"). But after pumpkin cheesecake and thank-you note practice, some still look a little worried. "What if I forget something important?" asks a student who has landed an interview with financial services giant Morgan Stanley.

Smith, of course, has an answer for this common scenario. "If you have an etiquette emergency," she says, "please e-mail me, and I will respond as soon as possible."

—*Lindsey Whitton '05*

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Quiz Show

THE GRILLE IS PACKED WITH PEOPLE—it's standing room only in the television lounge that's tucked behind the Juice Bar—when Keith Williams '07 makes his entrance. Sporting a white *Jeopardy* T-shirt and sipping from a *Jeopardy* coffee mug, he smiles a shy smile as people erupt in cheers.

There are two Keith's, really: the three-dimensional, in-the-flesh Keith who is now surrounded by friends and strangers, classmates and professors, gathered to watch the final round of *College Jeopardy* on the Grille's large-screen television; and the two-dimensional, electronic version whose voice is broadcast in stereo and whose visage pops onto the television screen at exactly 7:30 this Friday evening to wild applause.

Taped in early October at Yale University, the collegiate version of the popular syndicated television show sparked an enthusiastic response at Middlebury when it was learned that one of the College's own was a contestant. Though Keith (and those who were present for the taping) was sworn to secrecy, the fall buzz on campus was that the first-year had done quite well. He made his television debut on November 12 (the tournament was broadcast over a two-week period), and with each victorious appearance, his following has grown, culminating in the standing-room-only affair for the viewing of the final round.

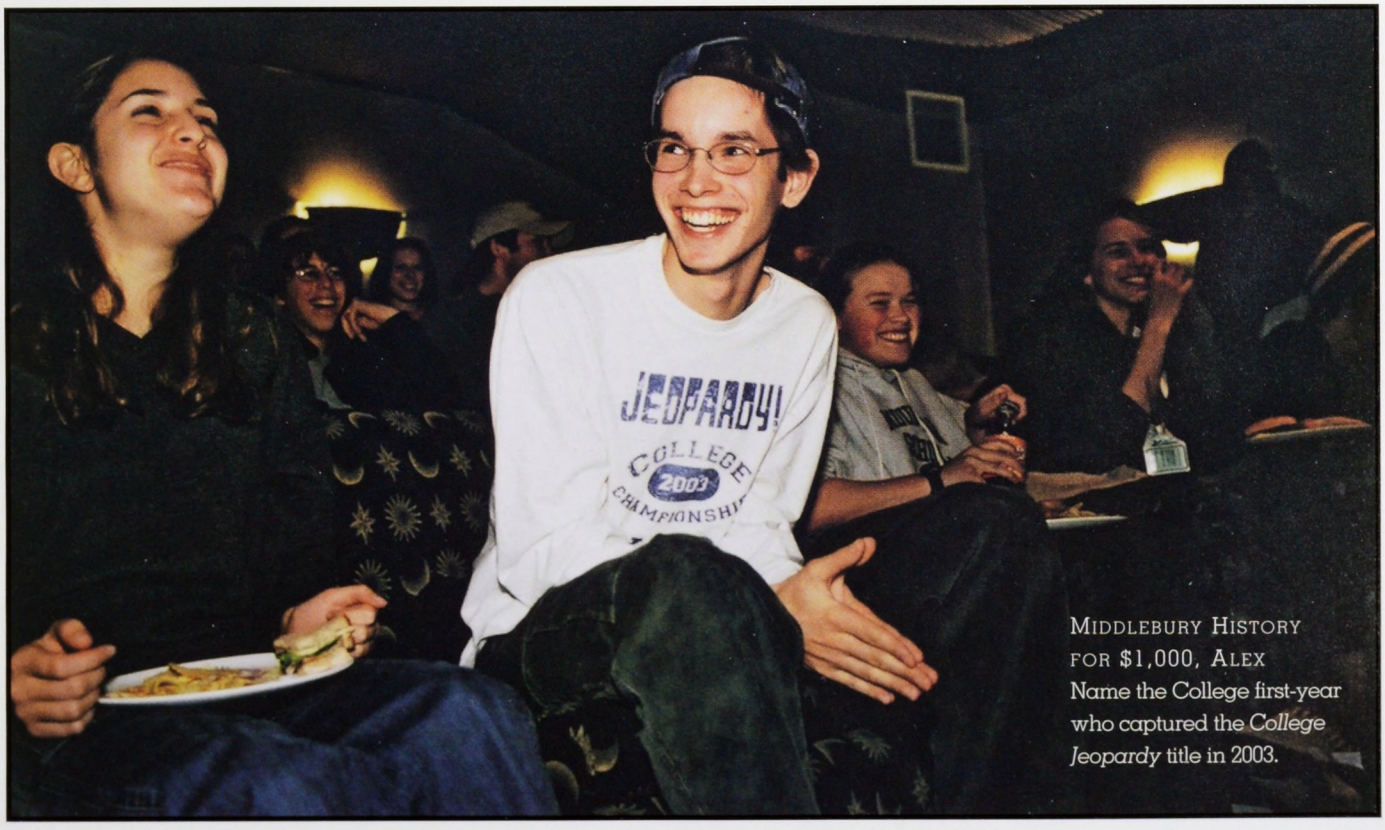
To tell the truth, it's somewhat disconcerting to observe both Keith I and Keith II in real time. As TV Keith stands unflinching on the *Jeopardy* stage, 3-D Keith sits up in anticipation of a correct answer by his television alter ego and winces when he knows he's about to give an incorrect answer.

The Grille crowd is oblivious, however, to the subtle differences in the two Keiths, and by the time "Final Jeopardy" rolls around, with Keith in the lead, the cheering group has worked itself into a near frenzy. "What years did *Time* magazine publish these covers showing Saddam Hussein and Adolph Hitler?" host Alex Trabek asks the contestants, as a pair of magazine covers depicting the two dictators with red *X*'s drawn through their faces appear on the screen. Some people begin to shout out answers, others hum the *Jeopardy* theme song. On TV, Keith II writes something down, then frantically scratches off his first answer and writes down a second; Keith I simply smiles.

"At that moment I knew I had won," he says. Confetti is tossed around the room, and Keith seems somewhat dazed as people hug him, relentlessly clap him on the back, and shake his hand. Soon, he'll receive $50,000 and a 2004 Volvo S60 (an additional $50,000 is awarded to the College to fund scholarships), and in a few months, he'll have the opportunity to compete with adults in the *Jeopardy*'s "Tournament of Champions."

Until then, he'll bask in his sudden celebrity, though he admits it will only take him so far. "I'm a freshman," he says. "I'm still eligible for swirlies."

—*Cragin Brown '04*



MIDDLEBURY HISTORY FOR $1,000, ALEX
Name the College first-year who captured the *College Jeopardy* title in 2003.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOSH DRAKE '04

Faculty Shelf

AFTER HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER teaching at Middlebury and directing the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Robert Pack resettled, with his wife Patricia, in the mountains near Missoula, Montana. This was a dramatic shift for a poet whose work had become so closely identified with New England over the previous several decades. Just as, in the classroom, he had celebrated Frost as a culmination of the Wordsworthian tradition, so too in the woods and fields around his Cornwall, Vermont, home he had found his landscape of the heart. But *Elk in Winter* (University of Chicago Press, 2004), his 15th volume of poetry, reveals the extent to which, in the Rockies as in the Green Mountains, Pack's core project as a writer has remained the same.

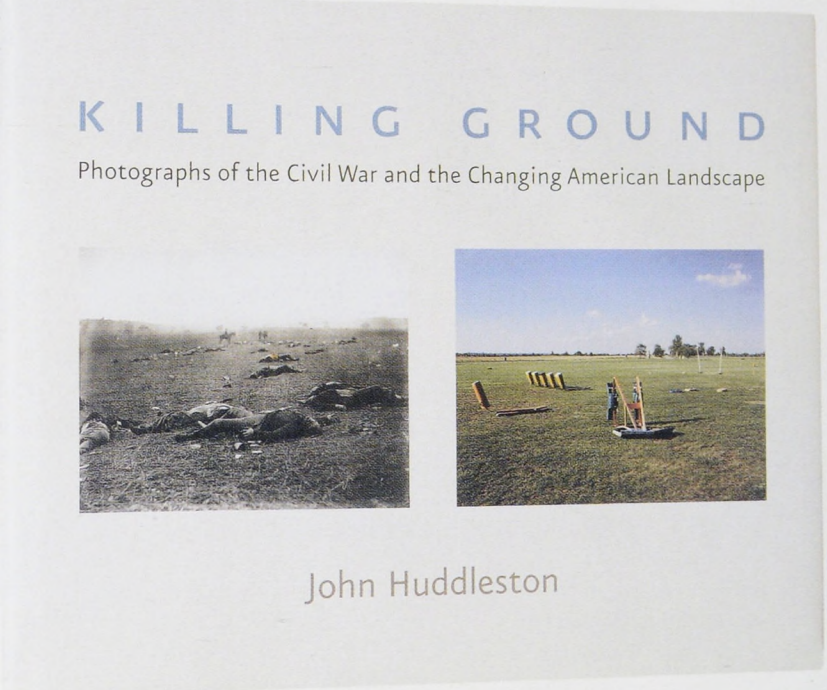
Pack's signature as a poet has always been his ability to bring memory, and all its unresolved longings, into dialogue with a sharply realized presentness. He is both an elegist and a naturalist. Such a merger is essential to many of the poems in *Elk in Winter*—as exemplified in the fifth and concluding stanza of the poem "Harvest":

I choose the growing
bounty of things gone,
A harvest of relinquishing
the past;
I still find meaning in
chilled bleak remains,
And so I make myself at
home at last.

The emotional impact of this harvest of relinquishment is heightened in his verse. Each of those last four lines was the first line of a preceding stanza. Echoes organize this poem, just as the circling of the seasons and the generations may unify a life. That stanza's final line also recalls a passage from Frost's poem, "Directive," about getting "lost enough to find yourself" so that you can "make yourself at home." For Pack, as for his poetic predecessor, letting go can be the context for a deeper sense of connectedness.

Similarly, a certain bleakness of perspective invigorates Robert Pack's sense of intellectual energy. Both his readers and his former Middlebury students will recall his relish for the stringently skeptical perspective on culture to be found in Darwin, Freud, and neo-Darwinists like Richard Dawkins. But if these thinkers challenge certain deeply held assumptions about the free will of religion, they also ratify the values of humor and courage. They invite us back, as Pack himself does, to the world of what's-happening. Such a celebratory and defiant coming back to earth—lying at the heart of this snowy book—is beautifully summed up in the first and last lines of the poem "Full of Summer": "This is the full of summer, this is all."

—John Elder



Anyone who has ever visited a historic site hoping to connect with a lesson from the past will appreciate Professor of Studio Art John Huddleston's book *Killing Ground: Photographs of the Civil War and the Changing American Landscape* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002).

Huddleston photographed Civil War sites—many of which had also been photographed during the war—attempting to reproduce the time of day and year when the first picture was taken. The book juxtaposes his photos with the Civil War images, creating haunting contrasts and demonstrating how lessons of the past can easily disappear from the landscape.

Some places haven't changed much: A cornfield in Antietam, Maryland, was covered with dead soldiers on September 17, 1862, and the corn had been reduced to stubble by the fighting. That cornfield is still there today; when Huddleston visited, it was covered in tall, tasseled-out stalks under a clear blue sky. Other places have changed utterly: A Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Nashville, Tennessee, reveals nothing of the 7,407 casualties that occurred there in December 1864. And a green field framed by a paved road in Chancellorsville, Virginia, shows no traces of the rifles, dirty rags, and corpses left there as confederate troops retreated on May 4, 1863.

Huddleston's photos are often serene and peaceful, but for the note at the bottom of the page telling how many people died there. The Civil War images are strikingly powerful, and they document the development of photography, just 25 years old at the time of the war.

—Regan Eberhart

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

A National Title Captured and Lost

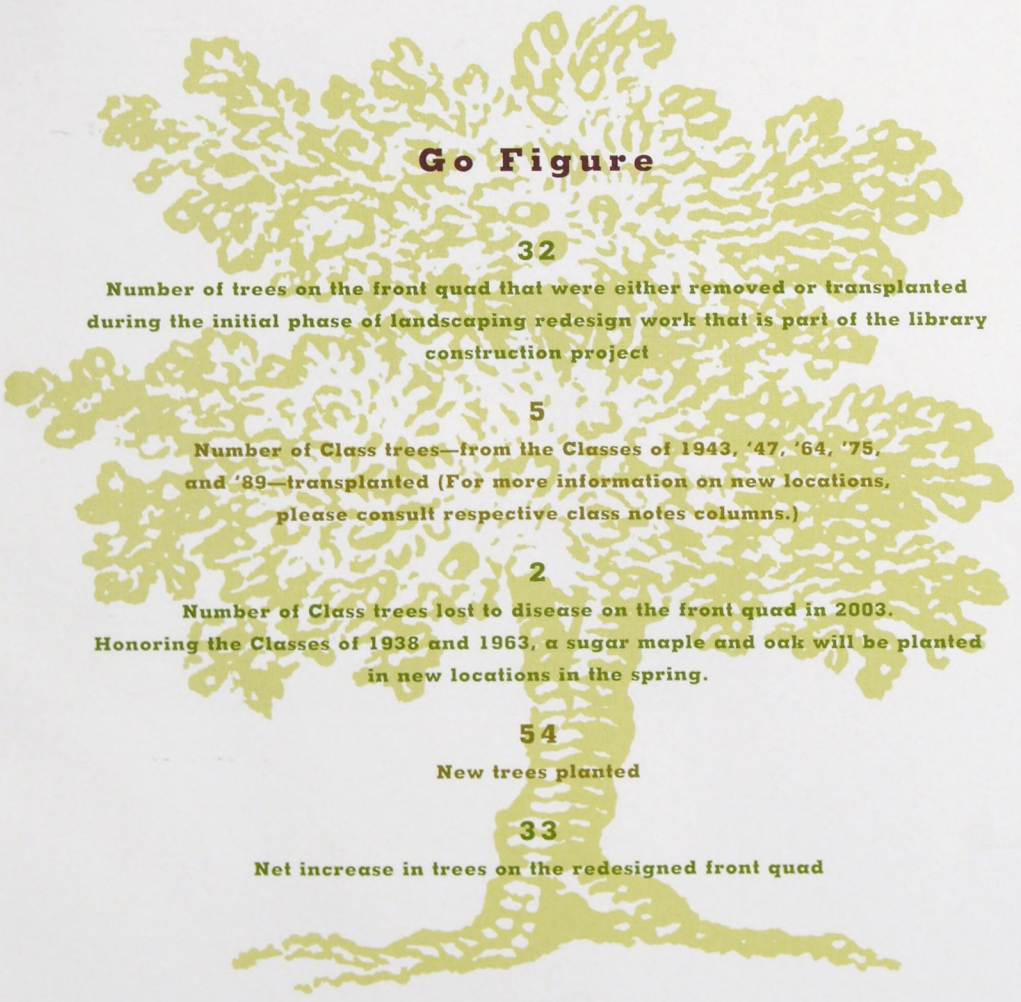
After a one-year hiatus, the title of national champions has returned to the Middlebury women's cross country squad. For the third time in four years, the Panthers captured the top spot at the NCAA championship meet. By outdistancing 24 teams, the Middlebury harriers claimed the College's third national title in women's cross country and 18th in all sports since 1995. Last year, the Middlebury women's team finished second in the national meet.

Jessica Manzer '05 set the pace for the Panthers in the championship meet, finishing fourth with a time of 22:11. Andrea Giddings '07 (23:06) finished 21st, Molly Yazwinski '04 (23:08) 22nd, Erin Archard '07 (23:30) 42nd, and Stephanie Nugent '07 (23:34) 46th.

■

In a heartbreaking finale, the Middlebury field hockey team's hopes for an undefeated season and national championship were dashed by Salisbury State University, as the Panthers lost to the Sea Gulls in the national title game, 4–1.

The Panthers set school records for wins in a season (19), winning percentage (.950), winning streak (19 games), and goals in a season (71), while tying a school mark with seven shutouts. Defender Missy Krempa '04 was named first-team All-American by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association. Coach Katharine DeLorenzo was named the NHFCA New England Coach of the Year, automatically placing her among the finalists for National Coach of the Year, which will be announced later this winter.



Go Figure

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Number of trees on the front quad that were either removed or transplanted during the initial phase of landscaping redesign work that is part of the library construction project

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Number of Class trees—from the Classes of 1943, '47, '64, '75, and '89—transplanted (For more information on new locations, please consult respective class notes columns.)

2

Number of Class trees lost to disease on the front quad in 2003. Honoring the Classes of 1938 and 1963, a sugar maple and oak will be planted in new locations in the spring.

54

New trees planted

33

Net increase in trees on the redesigned front quad

Redford Spins by Midd

The directorial debut film from Robert Redford–offspring James Redford temporarily veered from the festival circuit in November for a special screening at Middlebury's Dana Auditorium.

Spin, based on the novel of the same name by Don Axinn '51, is a coming-of-age story set in the American Southwest in the 1950s. Starring Stanley Tucci (*Big Night, Road to Perdition*), Rubén Blades (*All the Pretty Horses*), and Dana Delany (*China Beach*), *Spin* played to an enthusiastic house on a chilly November evening; after the screening, Redford and Axinn (also the film's producer) took questions from the audience, a perk not often found at the local Cineplex.

Holiday Bonus

"Teacher says, every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings," George Bailey's daughter exclaims at the end of the holiday classic *It's a Wonderful Life.*

Middlebury has a similar tale, and it goes a little something like this: Every time "I'll be Home for Christmas" is played on the radio, on television, or in a movie, the College's Annual Fund total gets larger.

That's because the song that Bing Crosby made famous was written by J. Kimball Gannon '20. Though he left Middlebury after one year, Gannon remembered the College in his will, stipulating that 21 percent of the royalties from "I'll Be Home for Christmas" go to Middlebury.

Reliable Source

The media's favorite Howard Dean expert doesn't have an inside-the-Beltway address.

By Sally West Johnson '72

Back when Howard Dean was still "Howard Who?" to most of the country, the national media had a problem: when you have to dispense political wisdom about an unknown governor of a little-known state, turning to the standard Rolodex of political pundits wasn't going to do. In this instance, an Addison County phone book or a College directory—containing contact information for one Eric Davis—would prove to be more valuable.

Now, six months later, with Howard Dean established as a front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, Davis's currency has only gained value as a coterie of reporters, who nearly missed the Dean boat when it first left the dock, scramble to stay two steps ahead of the electorate.

"The calls from the national media started in May or June, just before Dean formally announced that he was running," recalls Davis, a 23-year veteran of the Middlebury faculty and administration. "Before that, I had been doing stuff with the local media for years, but I had never been on the national radar screen."

The fact that Eric Davis, the rather academic and unassuming secretary of Middlebury College, has become Eric Davis, political expert, owes in equal parts to timing and talent. In a state where dairy cows outnumber pundits by a factor of roughly 30,000 to 1, Davis brings a unique set of credentials to the table: He came to Middlebury in 1980 fresh from having earned his doctorate in political science at Stanford, he is beholden to no candidate, and his academic career gives him a broad perspective on political developments that would otherwise be hard to come by.

But credentials alone haven't put the 51-year-old Davis at the top of the must-call list of reporters from every major national newspaper—in particular, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times,* and the *Washington Post*—not to mention National Public Radio and its many offspring.

The other secret of his success is old-fashioned hard work and an addiction to politics. Every morning, Davis, who lives in Cornwall with his wife, Kitty, and his cat, Zoë, rises before dawn to commence his ritual of reading the online editions of the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post* and the *Rutland Herald*. Before bed each night, he reads the major British newspapers, his favorite being the *Financial Times*. Between times, he reads a

Inside Politics
No stranger to a microphone, Davis is a frequent guest on National Public Radio and its affiliates. As Dean's candidacy surges ahead, it's not uncommon for Davis to field multiple media calls a week.

Photograph by Michael Sipe

number of different newspaper Web sites throughout the day and catches a BBC broadcast in the late morning. When he's not doing any of the above, he analyzes poll and fund-raising data downloaded from the Internet so that he is always abreast of the most current trends.

"One thing I can do well is talk about the American political system in a way that

is accessible to the educated layperson—the typical NPR listener or *New York Times* reader—someone who is very interested in politics, but not a professional," says Davis in explaining his increasing popularity. "I don't get called by Fox or CNN because they know that my style won't work for them."

In June, when the Dean campaign was beginning to appear on the national radar with its novel Internet campaign and its wildly successful fund-raising efforts, Davis remembers that "all the media questions were—Who is this guy? Who is Howard Dean? Explain him to us." Most of those calls were from the three big newspapers and public radio. Then, because "I'm good about returning phone calls, and I'm not identified with any camp or campaign," Davis began to field calls from regional dailies, the *San Francisco Chronicle,* for example, because the reporter had seen him quoted in the *L.A. Times*. And so it goes.

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Davis tackled most questions but farmed out some—about civil unions, for instance, or about Dean's tension-filled relationship with the liberal left—to people better versed in those areas than he. Over time, he says, the questions got more sophisticated, particularly those posed by reporters who were following Dean on the campaign trail. "Questions about civil unions faded away," he says. "They started asking me about the role that being a doctor plays in his decision-making style, about his funding, his campaign strategy. Reporters from Atlanta and Jacksonville want to know how he's going to do in the [South]."

Davis is as qualified as anyone to prognosticate on Dean's chances. He's studied political science for more than 30 years, ever since his undergraduate years at Brown, followed by his graduate years at Stanford. Coming to Middlebury in 1980, he was awarded tenure in 1984, chaired the Department of Political Science through 1988, and joined the administration three years later, first as dean of academic planning, then as vice president for information technology.

He became secretary of the College in 1997, with a job description that seems to be a moving target. Other than his formal duties, which involve overseeing the organization of all academic ceremonies, Davis does whatever the president needs doing. "I work with the president on a variety of functions," he says. "There hasn't always been a secretary of the College. It depends on the president and how he likes to work."

Davis himself has chosen to assume a public face for Middlebury, writing a biweekly column in the *Addison Independent,* the local newspaper. Over the years, he's made himself available as a political commentator to the local radio station, as well as to the state's two major daily newspapers, and its CBS television affiliate, WCAX. He also maintains a role in the classroom, teaching a political science seminar every semester. His course for the fall semester of 2003 was a seminar in comparative electoral processes, which allowed him to lead his students beyond the boundaries of the American political system to examine the systems of other parts of the world. At the same time, it afforded him a perfect entrée into a discussion of the current Democratic primary race and, naturally, the presidential prospects of Howard Dean.

"Dean's assumptions are that he can mobilize core Democratic voters and then build on that base," opines Davis. "It's a people-powered campaign, building on grassroots movements, Meetups, the Internet. Dean's centrist presence in Vermont was moved far to the left by his opposition to the war—this is not the governor we knew in Vermont." Davis is also willing to go on record as predicting that Dean "will raise well over $100 million by the time of the [Democratic] convention."

Then a grin spreads across his wide, Santa Claus-like face. "Of course, last January I wouldn't have predicted this in any way," he admits. "I said then that Dean would be looking for a real job by now."

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A Matter of Faith

In a world filled with religious tension, Middlebury's Islamic Society reaches out to all.

By Tim McCahill '03

Toward the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, five students make their way toward Forest Hall. Classes have ended, and the November sun hangs low and dull orange above the Adirondack Mountains. Two South Asians, two Jordanians, and an American enter Forest, descend to the basement, and drop their bags on the floor of a meeting room. They sit on colorful prayer rugs and start to break their fast.

The students tear into the food in front of them—as any other hungry college kids might after a long day without sustenance—tossing back dates and other fruits, devouring pieces of pita, and downing glasses of milk. While consuming their fill of these traditional Ramadan staples, the five also dine happily on chocolate chip cookies, cereal, and a sickly sweet blend of fruit juice so thick it leaves a film on the plastic cups.

"Good times, good people, good fellowship" is how a Christian student, who observed Ramadan with the Middlebury College Islamic Society, described the evening ritual of breaking the fast.

Fellowship. It's an apt word to describe the Islamic Society. Meaning friendship or companionship, fellowship also implies the bonds formed by a common interest or background. For Islamic Society members, those bonds are formed not just by celebrating Islam but by celebrating each other, by building the fellowship that lends cohesion to life on campus and beyond.

"For me, the purpose of the Islamic Society is to keep the Muslim community close," says Khurram Jamali '04, who came to Middlebury from Pakistan. "People do look out for each other."

That Muslim students now have a place to forge these connections says much about the changing face of religion at the College. Where New England Protestants once set a rather austere tone to life on campus—exemplified best in regular mandatory sunrise and sunset chapel services—religious life at today's Middlebury presents a more colorful tableau of Islam, Judaism, and various denominations of Christianity.

With several dozen members—Muslims and non-Muslims alike—the Islamic Society is a small but meaningful part of this tableau. Founded in the mid-1990s by a handful of Muslim students, the Islamic Society has grown in size and in significance, establishing itself as an organizer of cultural events and as a spiritual home for Muslims of

In the Name of Allah Islamic Society members pray weekly in Forest Hall. In addition, the Society's Web site offers an intricately detailed prayer calendar outlining appropriate daily prayer times from dawn to sunset.

Photograph by Michael Sipe

varying orthodoxies and nationalities. Despite its growth and increase in visibility, however, building this home hasn't been easy. Just ask Wasim Rahman '02.

Rahman, whose family emigrated to the U.S. from Saudi Arabia in the 1980s, came to Middlebury with a strict belief in Islam and a passion for its rich cultural history. When he matriculated in

February 1999, he was drawn immediately to the Islamic Society. Growing up in a conservative Muslim family, being able to maintain his religious beliefs was a critical part of preserving his cultural identity.

"Being in the Islamic Society was about creating the community I had back home," explains Rahman, now a graduate student at Harvard Divinity School. "We saw the opportunity to celebrate religious holidays and educate the community about Islam."

This dual purpose helped the society flourish, but it also sparked vociferous debates between Rahman and equally impassioned members of Hillel, the College's Jewish student organization. Many of these debates focused on the *intifada,* which began to worsen in 2000 and spawned political arguments waged across campus.

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Yet while circumstances in the Middle East made for some turbulent moments, the political and religious debates of 2000 are not what Rahman and other members of the group remember most—or hold as the society's most important early achievements. "We grew close as friends," explains Rafat Kapadia '04. "We developed a support system for each other."

In 1999 the Islamic Society moved to its current space in the Forest basement—"a spiritual home," says Rahman, and a welcome switch from a smaller room across the hall. Between 1999 and 2000, the society lobbied for in-kind food credits that could be used at the Grille during Ramadan; not only did the group get the credits, the College also approved a request to serve *halal* meat in a campus dining hall.

Underscoring the achievements were events held to observe religious holidays or to raise awareness about the culture of Islam. "We try to be inclusive," notes Kapadia, referring to the dinners and symposia the society organizes each year. "We don't confine events to [our members]."

The events help put a human face on Islam, an understanding tested in the months after the terrorist attacks of September 11. Jamali, then a sophomore, recalls that period as one in which Islamic Society members became linked to the College community in grief. "Two or three people I didn't know asked if I needed help," he says. "The community was awesome."

As they eat, the Forest Hall cohort discusses everything from faith to the approaching Thanksgiving break. Their fast broken, they quietly start *Maghreb,* the sunset prayer that marks the end of the day in the Muslim world.

The College's Islamic Society is small by comparison to similar groups at larger institutions, and current members say that during the last year the society has returned to its more informal roots.

But small numbers and informality lend the Islamic Society an intimacy that links it to the larger College community, a smallness that serves as the cornerstone for a group that has shared times of uncertainty as well as fun.

The society hopes to bolster relationships by continuing to organize events that highlight all aspects of Islam. Abdelqader Sumrein '05, the current president of the Islamic Society, says that more lectures and symposia are planned for the months ahead. "I'd like to get someone to talk about Islamic art, or Arabic calligraphy," explains Sumrein, a soft-spoken Jordanian educated in the Middle East and Canada. "And maybe the Palestinian issue."

Broaching these topics is another day's task; now, the focus is on *Maghreb,* which is recited over the gentle hum of laundry machines spinning nearby. One society member, a first-year from Jordan, dons a head scarf and listens as the prayer is spoken in a voice barely above a whisper. The prayer ends, and the sounds of Arabic and English signal a return of sorts—to college life, to the rhythm of class time that runs simultaneously with the rituals of the holy month of Ramadan. Group members bid each other farewell, close the prayer room door behind them, and venture out into the late autumn twilight.

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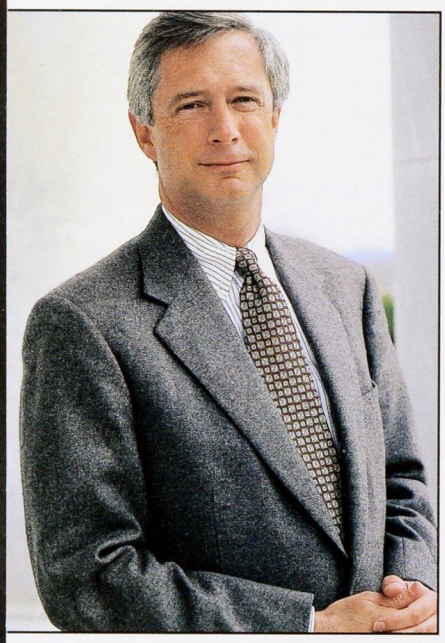
What's in a Name?

An innocent query about Middlebury's mascot leads to an interesting discovery.

By John M. McCardell, Jr.



I went to the Animal Fair,
The Mascots all were there.
The Yale Bull-Dog
Was up on a log,
Announcing a feature rare:
"My friends you soon will view,
A Mascot who is new,
A Panther Black
Whose very track
Will nearly crack your heart in two."

—"*The Panther Song*," by E. Pruda H. Wiley '12

"THOSE WHO CANNOT REMEMBER the past," wrote the philosopher George Santayana, "are condemned to repeat it." The story I am about to relate is quite likely to ignite a firestorm of commentary. I fully expect responses ranging from "I can't believe you, as a historian, didn't know that," to "that's not how it happened," to "interesting, but I don't buy it," to, from at least a few, "you've told me something I never knew before."

Last summer a friend with a house in the mountains of North Carolina came for a visit to Middlebury. Over dinner the question arose, how did Middlebury College come to choose the panther as its mascot? I have been asked many questions over the past 13 years, but never this one. Seasoned professors are, however, seldom fazed even by queries that prompt, if only for an instant, a vacant expression. Mustering my knowledge of the natural history of the Green Mountain State, I responded that the selection surely had to do with identifying an indigenous species that exemplified qualities associated with our College's students: naturally intelligent, physically (as well as mentally) agile, alert, swift, adaptable to a wide variety of habitats, calm and quiet when undisturbed, ferocious when threatened. And, I added authoritatively, since the University of Vermont had chosen the catamount as its mascot, and since UVM was Middlebury's greatest rival for much of its history, it was altogether logical that we should select the black panther.

"That's very interesting," my polite visitor replied, "but did you know that in western North Carolina panthers are frequently referred to as 'painters?' Indeed, there is a place in the mountains spelled 'Panthertown' but pronounced by many of the locals as 'Paintertown.' And the mascot of Western Carolina University, strange to say, is the catamount. Is it possible that there is some connection there? And wasn't the founder of your college named . . . Painter?"

Here was an impressive insight, and I could hardly gainsay the possibility that the Middlebury Panther and the Middlebury Painter were, through an accident of dialect, one and the same. I still cannot say for certain whether those who chose our mascot were so clever, but the follow-up research this exchange demanded makes a pretty compelling case.

The National Wildlife Federation's Web page directs one to its Endangered Species Guide, which notes that the *Puma concolor,* the species name that embraces mountain lions, cougars, pumas, and panthers, has been on the federal endangered list since 1967. These animals, also known as "catamounts" or "painters," are extinct in the United States except for Florida, where approximately 60 adults are thought to survive in the wild. The panther is the state animal of Florida.

The catamount, meanwhile, has been the mascot of

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Western Carolina University, located in Culhowee, since 1933. In that year, the university, founded in 1889 as Western Carolina Teachers College, held a contest to choose a new nickname. The erstwhile "Teachers" became the "Catamounts," a name, notes the university Web page that "few others had and that everyone would not copy." Indeed, only the University of Vermont shares this nickname with Western Carolina.

The UVM Class of 1998 presented the university a catamount sculpture as its class gift. Designed by Dennis Sparling and sited outside the university bookstore, the sculpture, according to the UVM Web site, "bears favorable comparison with the Princeton University Tiger and especially the Middlebury College Panther."

The use of "painter" for panther is not uncommon in the mountains of western North Carolina. Panthertown Valley is a tract of approximately 1,300 acres in the Nantahala National Forest northeast of Cashiers, North Carolina. Its scenic beauty has caused visitors to dub it the "Yosemite of the East." Early settlers, the Panthertown Valley Web page reveals, "referred to the valley as 'Paintertown,' the term 'painter' referring to the large cats we now call panthers."

Nor is the usage limited to this small area. As the mind begins to race, it signals Web-surfing fingers to extend the search. "Living with Wildlife in Cougar Country" is a page designed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Cougars," it reports, "also known as mountain lions, pumas, panthers, painters, and catamounts," are "healthy and increasing in Oregon." From Brome County, Quebec, Michael Price writes, "The Eastern Cougar, . . . also called panthers, painters, pumas, catamounts and mountain lions . . . has had quite an adverse effect on my life, considering it is officially nonexistent. Two years ago I saw one." Price goes on to describe the "ridicule" heaped on those who claim to have spotted one of these extinct creatures, though he insists that what he saw was indeed a panther—or painter. Indeed, he adds this tidbit, which Middlebury graduates might ponder: these cats "change from beige to a bluish gray in winter—much like their prey, the white-tailed deer. The species very rarely produces black, 'melanistic' individuals, although none of these has ever been confirmed in the eastern subspecies."

I have been asked many questions over the past 13 years, but never this one.

Perhaps our zoological excursion, lest it veer out of control, should end here. But before it does, let us return to the initial question and offer a plausible answer. The Middlebury mascot was chosen quite deliberately (though I do not know when—perhaps one of our readers does) to honor both one of the College's founders and a rare subspecies of indigenous wildcat, whose names were identical. Though celebrating Gamaliel Panther's cane in song would be infelicitous, housing students in Panther Hall or summoning Painter Pride in support of our College would seem an altogether appropriate transposition.

Which leads to a further point that I hope readers will also consider. Gamaliel Painter died in 1819 and, as we know from our beloved song, "left his all by will to the College on the Hill." At a critical moment in the College's history, this man secured, with a generous bequest, its future. This was a rare thing in those days and earned Painter enduring recognition.

Sightings of panthers these days are also rare. But of Middlebury Panthers—or Painters—we still have many, and they loyally support our College year after year. Another stanza of "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" begins, "May every son of Midd strive to do as Painter did." And also may every daughter.

Last year, alumni participation in the Annual Fund declined to 44 percent. Though these supporters contributed many dollars, the breadth of support should be a concern to every son—and daughter—of Midd. Over the course of our Bicentennial Campaign, 84 percent of alumni made a gift to the College. Just think of the impact that level of participation, realized every year, could have on the students and faculty of Middlebury who are directly supported by these gifts. It is a tremendous compliment to the faculty when a large portion of their former students choose to support them in such a way. Alumni participation also sets a fine example for the next generation of alumni, the current student body. Furthermore, outside of the Middlebury family, alumni participation in annual giving is widely regarded as a leading benchmark of institutional strength, affecting everything from Middlebury's job applicants to national college rankings.

Perhaps a larger message, then, in this story of the Middlebury mascot is a reminder to "do as Painter did," and to get Annual Fund participation, this year, over 50 percent, and to set as a long-term goal increasing that percentage each year. For if we mean to compete against the very finest, and wealthiest, institutions in the country, we will need the financial support and the participation, however modest, of every member of our extended family. Thus may we realize the final stanza of "The Panther Song":

"And on the Panther came
And fought his way to fame.
The Mascots all
Both great and small
Have never been able his spirit to tame."

Behind the Seams
The Center for the Arts' theater costume shop—where period apparel is produced—is a hive of activity in the weeks and months leading up to a theatrical performance.
Photograph by Bob Handelman

WHILE EVERY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN HAS ITS SHARE OF YOUTHFUL VOLUNTEERS AND ENERGETIC STAFFERS, NO CAMPAIGN IN HISTORY HAS ENERGIZED—AND TAPPED INTO—THE "RISING" GENERATION QUITE LIKE THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF HOWARD DEAN.

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AS THE FORMER VERMONT GOVERNOR RACES TOWARD THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION, HE HAS A COHORT OF MIDD GRADS

RUNNING WITH DEAN

IT'S 11 P.M. ON THE LAST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, and as the minutes tick down toward midnight, a cluster of young people in the Vermont headquarters of the presidential campaign of Howard Dean work furiously. If they can raise another $299,000 dollars in the next hour, Dean will hit the $15 million mark for the end of the third quarter—a record for any candidate at this stage in the primary.

One buzzing cubicle in this beehive of activity is Midd Central, and in it are Michael Silberman '03, Ginny Hunt '03, and David Temple '05, who are working the phones and hammering out e-mails to friends and family. From this tiny patch of creative chaos comes a portion of the brains and brawn behind Howard Dean's incredibly successful campaign to empower and galvanize the previously apolitical, sometimes young, voters of America.

Silberman is national coordinator of the Meetup Program—the campaign's groundbreaking Internet-based get-togethers that first gained Dean the notice and admiration of politicians and pundits nationwide—and tonight he sits with his back to a blaring TV, oblivious to the growing mayhem.

Avid Deaniacs are accumulating, sprawling shoulder to hip in the tiny cubicle, waiting for the *Tonight Show* to come on. They don't normally gather for a TV break, and when they do it's rarely for Leno, but they're watching tonight because tonight their man, Howard Dean, will be a guest on the *Tonight Show.*

Throughout this nondescript office building in South Burlington, Dean volunteers and staffers have gathered in clumps, crowding into cubicles to watch television. When actress Catherine Zeta-Jones, Leno's first guest, makes her exit and the governor strides on stage, a roar erupts throughout Dean headquarters. A few staffers observe that Dean looks nervous. As he sits, his legs are stiff and uncrossed, and he seems to be gripping the arms of the chair, but Leno loosens him up, and Dean relaxes, getting a few laughs himself as he describes his legendary cheapness—which segues nicely into his record of fiscal conservatism. As Dean talks about the money he's raising through a grassroots campaign—how thousands of people have each contributed $82, unlike President Bush's big-bucks supporters—the room applauds again, delighted with Dean, delighted with themselves.

Soon after midnight, the entire staff wedges into a conference room, much too small for the swelling number of campaign workers. Campaign Manager Joe Trippi gives them heartfelt thanks for their hard work and tells them something they already know: they are making history. In fact, at various points during the evening, individual staffers have snapped pictures of their colleagues and friends, knowing this will be a night to remember.

After Trippi concludes, a six-foot cake is brought in. The message in icing reads, "You gotta believe." They believe. Boy, do they believe.

BY RACHEL MORTON ★ PHOTOGRAPHS BY KATHLEEN DOOHER

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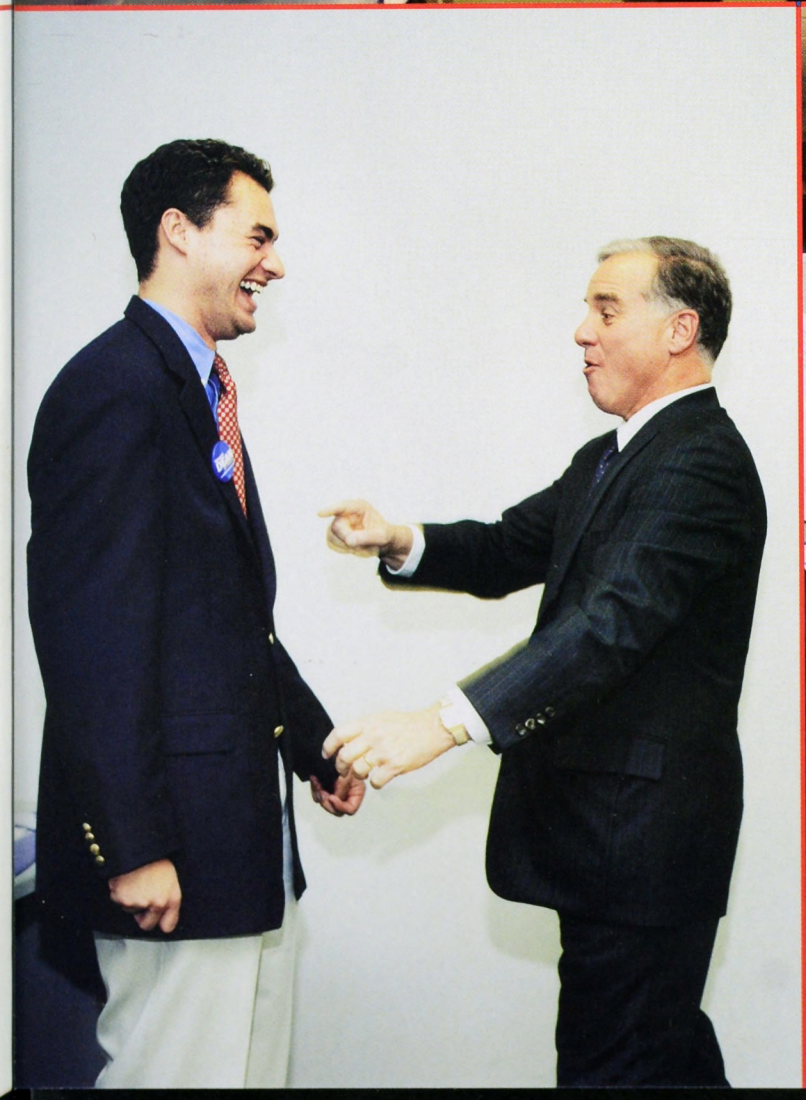
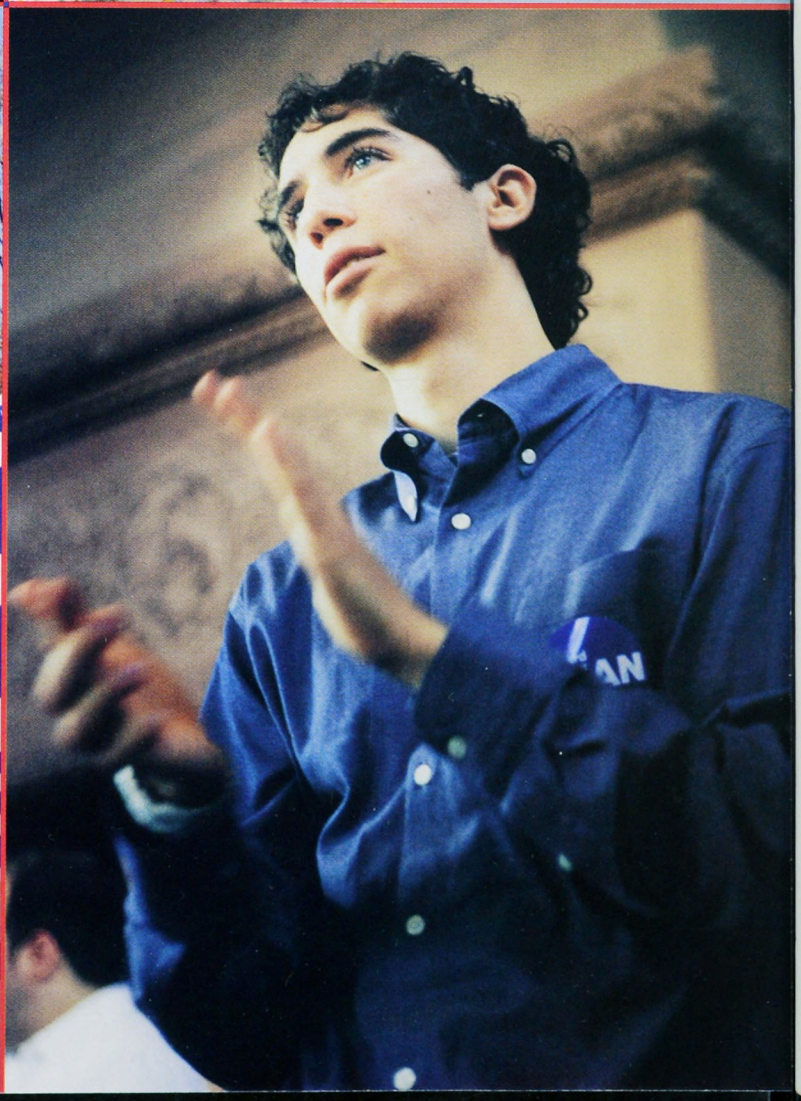
DEANIE BABIES
Top: Ginnie Hunt '03 briefs the governor during a campaign swing; Bottom Left: Dean hams it up with former Otter Nonsense player Ben LaBolt '03; Bottom Right: Michael Silberman '03 mans the phone at Meetup central.



MiddKids for Dean
The "Deaniacs" work tirelessly for their candidate. Many have put off secure jobs, graduate school or study abroad for the opportunity to make history.



BEN LABOLT '03 BELIEVES, too, but on a sunny day in mid-September, he doesn't have the benefit of a raucous campaign office to pump him up. Not that it really matters; he has more than enough energy himself. The campaign's regional field director for the New Hampshire coast region, LaBolt has arrived in Manchester, New Hampshire, for 12 hours of pavement pounding and door knocking on the day of the mayoral primary. This effort is not about Dean; Dean won't be on the ballot. This is about getting out the Democratic vote. More important, says LaBolt, it will show the Dean organization how well organized they really are.

If the rank and file in the Manchester headquarters are in jeans and sneakers, guzzling soda and dropping pizza on their laps as they juggle the phones and the computers, LaBolt, as a representative of the campaign in the streets, looks more the part.

Anyone would open the door to this nice young man in clean khakis and a crisp Oxford shirt with a polo player embroidered on the front. He strides down the middle of the road, limping slightly—his shoes have not proven adequate to the miles he has to cover—clutching a bulging file in one hand and a cell phone in the other. This tidy middle-class neighborhood in Manchester, with its neatly landscaped lawns and tubs of mums in the last bloom of the season, has already seen a multitude of foot soldiers on the campaign trail. The mailboxes and doorways are bristling with political circulars and announcements, but LaBolt adds his own, believing there can never be too much of a good thing.

His phone rings.

"Hi, any op-o activity?" he asks, referring to the presence of the "opposition"—other Democratic primary candidates in Manchester. He helps a colleague identify a political operative, "She's the one in the terrible gray pants suit," and says he'll be back at HQ in a few hours.

He pockets his phone as he approaches a small brick ranch house. This is the Looney's house, he sees from the sheet generated by the campaign staff. These sheets have the names and addresses, as well as voting history, of all the Democrats in this precinct. LaBolt's job is to make sure these voters get to the polls.

The door opens and LaBolt introduces himself. "How are you?" he asks the older man standing inside the doorway looking lousy.

"Terrible," the man sniffs.

"That's too bad," LaBolt commiserates. "Have you voted?"

Most of the stops LaBolt makes end up at an empty house—it's the middle of the morning, after all, and most everyone is working. Usually the only people answering the door are sick or elderly. So why go to all this trouble? Why spend an entire afternoon canvassing an area that has been canvassed before?

"The primary," says LaBolt. This is a dry run for January's presidential primary in New Hampshire, he says. The Dean machine needs to know that its staff and volunteers know the drill. That they can, on that critical day, get out the vote.

LaBolt explains that, unlike himself, 50 percent of the people working for Dean have not had any political experience before. At Middlebury, LaBolt was president of the College Democrats his junior and senior years and participated in various political internships and summer jobs.

But most of the dozens of volunteers and staff now at the Manchester campaign headquarters have never done poll checking or exit polling or canvassing, he says, and they'll be leading their own groups of volunteers on primary day. And on that day, every vote counts.

"That's when you spend six hours walking around just to get one vote," LaBolt says. "They're that hard to get."

By the time LaBolt returns to Manchester campaign headquarters, he'll be limping in earnest and will have exchanged his inadequate shoes for flip-flops, despite the chill of the day. But he'll be cheerful and ready for more work. This January, five Middlebury students are spending J-term working with LaBolt at the regional field office in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Nearby, Nick Lesher '03 is conducting exit polling outside the Webster School. Lesher is the area organizer for Strafford County in New Hampshire, and he, too, has arrived at Manchester to help get out the mayoral vote.

Lesher, from Washington, D.C., says that growing up in the hub of American government made him cynical about politics. But Howard Dean's campaign intrigued him sufficiently to delay his entrance into graduate school. It even lured him back from a semester in Turkey.

"This could be a pivotal moment for the country," Lesher says. "Last election the country was divided. Then September 11. This is exciting, especially from a political science standpoint. Dean has a vision, a belief in where he wants to take the country. I think he's the only guy to stand up to Bush effectively."

Lesher has been up since 4:30 A.M. and working since 5:30. During a torrential downpour, New Hampshire's experience of Hurricane Isabel, he got sopped bringing food and supplies to volunteers and staffers at the polls.

Standing in the sunshine outside the Webster School after lunch, Lesher's shirt has dried, as have his shoes, and he is stopping voters on their way out of the voting booths to ask them some questions, among them, have they chosen a presidential primary candidate yet? For an hour and half, Democrats file out and say they're supporting Gephardt or Kerry, or they're undecided. (Clark hasn't entered the race as of this date.) No one names Dean.

Lesher seems unaffected by this lack of support for his candidate. "It's about reinvigorating the Democratic base," says Lesher. "Getting people involved. The bottom line is, it's about coming together as Democrats and getting Bush out of office."

THOUGH THE DEAN CAMPAIGN might not have known from the outset that young people were going to embrace the governor's candidacy, they have certainly leapt to encourage and nurture the relationship.

Leading that effort is Ginny Hunt '03, who is outreach coordinator for Generation Dean, the youth outreach branch of the campaign. Hunt, who has traveled with Dean on several of his campaign swings, says that her job is to dissect what drives young people toward Dean. She says there has been a natural growth and evolution of most of the youth activity for Dean because of his straightforwardness, his pragmatism, and his stance on environmental issues and civil liberties.

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THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE

HOW DID A RELATIVELY UNKNOWN, former doctor and five-term governor from the tiny state of Vermont end up being the front-runner for the Democratic nomination? More to the point, what about his platform has ignited a virtual army of young people who are writing letters on his behalf, fund-raising on his behalf, and even driving to nearby states and knocking on doors? Eric Davis, professor of political science and expert on the American political system, thinks that part of Dean's success in mobilizing young people—people who have traditionally been uninvolved with the political process—is his antiwar message.

"The war has certainly mobilized and energized a lot of student opinion," says Davis, noting that the '90s were a low point in campus political action, but that during the last three years, students at Middlebury have become more much interested in politics.

"Dean, by coming out early and forthrightly against the war, was able to tap into that sentiment." Davis notes that first-time voters usually turn out at about 30 percent, compared to about 50 percent in the population at large. If Dean can get young people to vote in substantially larger numbers, Davis believes, that would have a big impact, come election day.

In addition, Dean's pro-environmental stance resonates with young people, Middlebury students especially. The Midds on the campaign staff—Silberman, Hunt, Temple, and Andrew Savage '03, among them—were influenced by their environmental studies courses while at the College, and they are very supportive of the campaign's environmental positions.

So the message has found a receptive audience, but some of the other Democratic candidates have similar stances. What has marked this candidate and this campaign is more than the message, it's the medium for the message: the Internet. Dean is calling for support, for help, and people are stepping forward and . . . turning on their computers.

"They are geniuses at the Web," Davis asserts. "Dean's far ahead of his rivals in this. The Dean people knew the Internet was going to be important. The other candidates only came to that realization very late."

Silberman says the Internet has allowed young people to engage in the political process in a way they've never been able to before. "I think it gives us a sense of hope, that we can really affect the future of the country. Everyone has a role."

Bill McKibben, a visiting scholar in environmental studies, agrees that the Internet has proven to be a powerful force in uniting previously uninvolved voters. In an essay published in *Orion,* he writes, "None of this was really planned, but the folks running the Dean campaign—in essence, the folks running the Dean Web site . . . knew how to make the business of politics kind of fun and exciting—hourly updates along the campaign trail, lists of restaurants where the candidate had eaten, blurry digital photos of him greeting Iowa farmers. And running tallies of new supporters, new contributors—all designed to build a sense of momentum."

One has only to go to a Meetup—held on the first Wednesday of every month in hundreds of locations around the country—to see the power of this tactic. People arrive at a Meetup as strangers. They leave as friends. This seemingly innocuous gathering of the politically inexperienced has the enormous emotional wallop of an AA meeting. People testify. They break into groups and discuss issues (given a list of discussion points by the organizers), or they break into groups and write letters (given names by the organizers), or they break into groups and plan how they can involve others. The operative element is that they break into groups and talk. In an increasingly fragmented world, where else can you get to talk to a group of like-minded strangers?

"People want to be connected. They want to believe again," says assistant professor of economics Jonathan Isham. Isham has also been following the Dean campaign, both as an economist and a supporter, and he believes the innovative use of the Web is profoundly changing the very nature of democracy in this country. The campaign, through its Web chat rooms and its Meetups, its house parties and its blogs, is providing a new kind of connectedness that is reawakening old American values of civic participation.

Isham talks about this in terms of "social capital," which he defines as the networks that keep people connected and facilitate common actions and goals. Typical American networks would be the Rotary Club, the Grange, church groups, and the PTA. This kind of civic engagement is the glue that holds society together, and it leads to common goals and collective action that serve to move society forward.

Civic engagement had declined over the years, Isham thinks, due to several factors: the rise of TV, the rise of the suburbs, and the rise in numbers of women in the workforce. But suddenly the Dean campaign seems to be reawakening people's desire for interaction and collective action.

"The Dean campaign is reestablishing connections again, networks like we've never seen before," he says. "We're seeing the beginning of a social movement that has the potential of being as important as the social movement of the '60s and '70s. Dean is riding a wave." —*RM*

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"When they hear him," she says, "it's just amazing how he mobilizes young people. He's bringing people into the campaign who were never politically active before."

Generation Dean helps the youth movement grow by providing, on its Web site, a place for young people to discuss political issues and to group themselves around a shared interest—Snowboarders for Dean, Divas for Dean, Dog-Lovers for Dean. These groups often move the electronic discussions into face-to-face meetings, ostensibly for political discussions and actions, which Hunt facilitates.

This movement of the formerly apathetic into an army of young volunteers is something Ginny Hunt can relate to. Her interest in politics began early in the small Tennessee town in which she grew up. "There was a toxic-waste dump 10 miles from our house. It was seeping into our groundwater." The community mobilized to do something about it, and Hunt remembers thinking, "Oh, so this is how you get things done."

She learned more about community political action during her semester at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. It was a turning point for her, she said, and it changed her focus from environmental studies to politics. "Politics there is part of their culture; it's powerful," she says. "It permeates their life."

Hunt was active at Middlebury in the College Democrats, and she volunteered for Dean's 2000 reelection and then again for the presidential campaign. She never thought the volunteer activity would turn into a job, but she's very much at home in the campaign culture.

"It feels so comfortable. It's young and energetic; very creative. Not what I expected from a presidential campaign. And it's not hierarchical. Dean strolls around and says hi to everyone. He sets the tone."

★AT ONE OF THE FIRST ORGANIZING MEETINGS of Generation Dean at the College, a half a dozen students gather at the Shannon Street apartment of Lauren Throop '04 and Jordan Sax '04. Anna-Britt Kasupski '04 and Andrew Feinberg '04 had worked to make the meeting happen, and though they'd sent out hundreds of e-mails and gotten dozens of assurances from fellow students that they planned to attend, by 7:30 it seems that this first organizing meeting is going to be mostly for the benefit of the organizers and a handful of students.

Which is too bad, because this is to be a special night for Dean supporters, meeting in thousands of locations around the country to participate in a giant conference call with Dean. Dubbed Dr. Dean's House Call, it could set a record for the largest conference call.

As small as this house party is, the students at Shannon Street are psyched at the attempt at a world record. They gaze at a plastic telephone accessory they've been given by Amy Morsman, a member of the history department and Addison County volunteer coordinator for the campaign. Looking like a space-age Frisbee, the telephone accessory, which sits in the center of a circle of students, chirps out a song by Melissa Etheridge, who, it turns out, will be introducing Dean tonight.

When Dean comes on, he is articulate and persuasive. He takes questions from house parties in Georgia and New Jersey, from Washington state and Memphis, Tennessee. He talks about global warming, AIDS, and healing the racial divide.

He reiterates his vision of the campaign as a revolutionary return to the way things ought to be: "This is the second American revolution; we're going to get a lot of people who have been demoralized back into the process. This whole candidacy is about changing Washington."

Dean's words resonate with the gathered students, who nod and applaud happily at the conclusion of the event. They discuss how they can bring more Middlebury students into the fold and how they can pop what they call "the Middlebury bubble" that seems to keep so many students self-satisfied and apolitical.

At the same time, says Feinberg, "There's an idealism here you wouldn't find at other schools."

★ON OCTOBER FIRST, the day after the late night of dialing for dollars at Dean Headquarters, the monthly Meetup is taking place at Nectar's bar in Burlington. There's a surprise in store for the several hundred citizens who've assembled to get together and to do some work for their candidate.

But first Michael Silberman stands on the little makeshift stage and tells the audience that they'd made history by donating a record $14.8 million. Though they've fallen short of their $15 million goal, they still have dwarfed the fund-raising efforts of all the other candidates, besting even Bill Clinton's mammoth war chest at this stage in the race.

"You rule, Michael!" someone yells from the back of the room, and somehow, here in the gritty Burlington bar that Phish made famous, the attractive but wonkish Silberman is as popular as a rock star.

Others speak, mostly just ordinary citizens who have volunteered and want to encourage others to do the same. What they don't know is that Howard Dean is about to arrive, a day removed from the *Tonight Show* and on the verge of starting a swing through college campuses across the country.

As Dean threads his way through the crowds at the bar, traveling in a halo of glaring lights from a phalanx of television cameras, the crowd shouts out its surprise and pleasure.

"We're going to empower people to take the country back from the right wing of the Republican Party!" Dean declares. "You have the power to take this party back and make it stand for something again!"

Hundreds of citizens are on their feet, erupting into cheers and wild applause. Silberman, Hunt, Temple, and other Middlebury staffers are right there with them—believing.

Whether or not Dean gets the Democratic nomination, Silberman says the experience of working on this campaign has changed him forever. "It has given me a sense of hope that I never had before." Silberman says. "In both the power of people to really change things, and the power of people to organize and make a difference. I know it sounds kind of canned, but this is real."

Rachel Morton wrote "Comedy Central" in the fall 2003 issue of the Magazine.

Slicing through Middlebury's backyard, Vermont's Catamount Trail is one of the state's most treasured secrets. On the eve of its 20th birthday, the Catamount is ready to be a secret no more.

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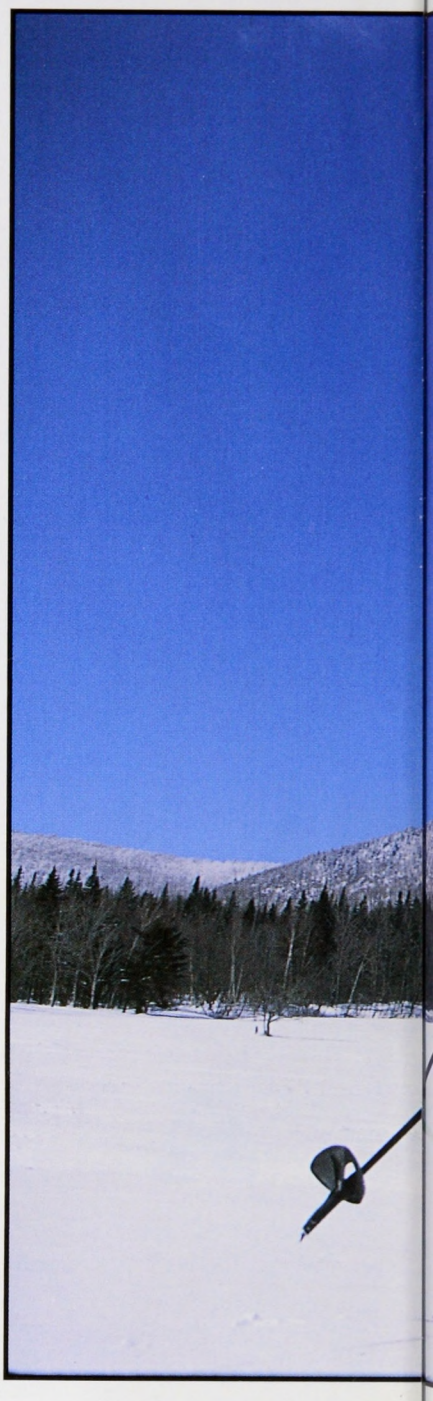

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It is so calm here, at the border of Vermont and Quebec. No birds, the only sound a distant thrum of snowmobiles. Even the shadows have fled, with evening creeping in and the last of the light skittering across the slick, crusty trail. A banner has been strung across the chain-link fence; two bottles of champagne are crossed ceremoniously in the snow.

And then they appear, cresting a knoll: a horizontal line of 12 cross-country skiers—all wearing turquoise T-shirts over their parkas—on the brink of a remarkable accomplishment: skiing the entire length of Vermont in one month, without missing a day. These "end-to-enders," as they've come to be known, begin to clang their poles, holler, and take their last strides before falling down into heaps, just yards from Canada as the champagne sprays.

Even more extraordinary than the feat is the route they've traveled: a 300-mile corridor that is North America's longest cross-country ski trail and Vermont's best-kept secret. From Sherman Reservoir to North Troy, the Catamount Trail climbs mountains, crosses streams, drops down hair-raising chutes, and winds through farms tucked under a duvet of white snow. An idea born two decades ago, the trail tells a Vermont story, about sugar maples and birches, but also about ingenuity, land use, and volunteerism. In recent years, the trail has seen an uptick in skiers, and now, thanks to a cohort of Middlebury students, the Catamount Trail is coming of age with a state-of-the-art mapping system that will help ensure a long life for Vermont's other "long trail." The Catamount turns 20 this year, and it's ready to celebrate.

Cross-country skiing is one of the world's oldest sports. Some 5,000 years ago, Scandinavians embarked on journeys with strips of timber tied to their feet; today, vast networks of trails still spider through Norway, Finland, and Sweden. "This kind of thing is very common throughout Europe," says Middlebury environmental studies scholar-in-residence Bill McKibben, who skied most of a Catamount end-to-end tour (taking a short break to get married), in 1988. "But in this country, the Catamount is unique."

Conceived as a thesis project by a University of Vermont geography major in 1984, the Catamount Trail cuts through some of the most storied and scenic areas of Vermont: the rolling hills of Landgrove and Londonderry, near Stratton Mountain; the evergreen forests and glistening fields of the Mad River Valley; the broad meadows overlooking Huntington Valley off Camel's Hump Road. The views improve as you travel north. Near Middlebury, the trail dances up to Blueberry Hill and careens through the Moosamaloo National Forest to the College's Bread Loaf campus and the Rikert Ski Touring Center. One of the toughest sections, a favorite among generations of skiers, is from Bolton Valley to Trapp Family Lodge: staggering up a steep 1,000 feet, before dropping 2,000 feet on switchbacks alongside stream gorges and old sugar shacks.

Overseeing all this splendor is the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), which was incorporated shortly after the inaugural end-to-end tour in 1984. The nonprofit organization protects and promotes the network, which is winter-use only and open to cross-country skiers and snowshoers. Traveling along the trail is free, but skiers must pay trail fees when they hit one of the 11 touring centers the Catamount crosses. Today, there are about 1,600 members of the CTA, nearly half of whom live out of state.

Because it crosses the property of more than 200 landowners, the Catamount Trail is as much about people—specifically creating trust and common understanding among them—as it is about the land. While the Appalachian and Long Trails are largely on

public lands, 60 percent of the Catamount is on private property. "The Catamount . . . is really striking a [positive] blow for more careful development of our woodlands," says McKibben. "In 1988, one of the things that people were talking about was the influx of city people into Vermont and the fact that they were bringing with them the kind of *posted: no trespassing* attitude toward the world. And I think [the CTA] played a very important role in at least slowing that down, that trend."

But as land is subdivided into smaller plots, keeping track of constituents—and convincing them to allow strangers in their backyard—becomes increasingly difficult. Though most say yes, sometimes owners say no, or a road is rebuilt or a bridge washed out, and the trail has to be rerouted. "The Catamount Trail is like a snake, wiggling," says Lenore Budd, the CTA's trail manager. Until recently, the CTA had attempted to delineate the trail's location using topographical maps—"We'd been trying to get into the world of GIS (geographic information systems) but didn't have the budget," Budd explains—and while the mapping worked

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to a degree, it was hardly an exact science. Then, about two years ago, Budd struck up a conversation with a former colleague, Middlebury GIS specialist Bill Hegman, and they came up with a solution. Why not have a few Middlebury geography students test their skills by mapping the Catamount Trail with handheld global positioning system units? Hegman knew of two seniors—Eliza Johnston '02 and Alexia Katsaounis '02—who were looking for an independent project, and soon nine students had enrolled in the 2002 J-term course to work on the project. The first week, the class worked on logistics: transportation, data collection consistency, equipment coordination. Then it was time to ski. They hit the trail, picking up data points that provided an overall accuracy of two to five meters, for the area from Blueberry Hill north.

One group stayed at the cabin of a CTA board member and skied south from the Canadian border; others tackled segments around Middlebury. Hegman often joined Johnston and Katsaounis, who happened to be beginner skiers. On one occasion, the trio tackled a brand-new section near Lincoln Gap, which was particularly overgrown. "It was quite an adventure, actually!" laughs Hegman. "It took us over an hour to go 300 yards. At one point there was a tree, and of course [the students] climb over the tree. *I* then climb over the tree, fall down and slide underneath so I'm back on the downhill side of the tree again. It took us three separate attempts to get that part mapped." Despite a few misadventures, Hegman's students had successfully collected data for the northern half of the trail by the end of the month; one of the nine, Hanna Taylor '02, worked through the spring, compiling and editing maps after the snow had melted.

Last J-term, Rita Vincello '03 and Yuka Higashino '03 picked up the project, taking on the southern half of the Catamount, from Blueberry Hill to the Massachusetts border. The duo logged about 40 miles by the end of the month, but "Rita really wanted to stay on and finish," says Hegman, who agreed to the request. "She skied like you wouldn't believe! She skied *the rest of the trail*."

"The trail is such a great resource," says Simon Isaacs '04, "but most students don't know about it."

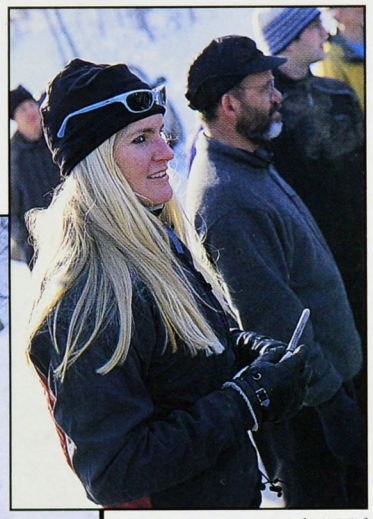
With her boyfriend (now fiancé) Reese Forsythe providing shuttle service, Vincello skied alone three or four days a week. One day, when she was out on a section near Somerset Reservoir, a blizzard blew in, temperatures dropped, and by nightfall, there was no sign of Vincello. Forsythe called Hegman, who began to organize a search party with Ted Milks, executive director of the CTA. At 10 P.M., Vincello finally emerged from the woods—and counts that part of the Catamount among her favorites. "I bonded most with the trail [in the areas] where I wasn't sure I was going to make it out!" says Vincello, who soon began carrying a radio. "When I'd get back to the GIS lab, it was usually pretty late. But I'd download the data right away, and all of a sudden there was a squiggly line! It was so rewarding to see the results right away."

Soon after she finished the trail, Vincello's data was sent to the South Burlington-based company Northern Cartographic, which produced new maps of the Catamount that are far more precise than their predecessors and have been included in the eighth edition of the CTA's guidebook. The project had finally given the CTA an exact length of the trail: 301.1 miles. "Middlebury gave us a *huge* contribution," says Budd. "They've essentially created the line that we can superimpose on so many other types of information. It is the key ingredient to the guidebook, and much more." While Vincello's notes ("impeccable," according to Hegman) can help Budd decide which areas need work, the new data will also help conservation as the CTA makes plans for easements to permanently protect the trail. The information can also be shared with state agencies to determine logging routes, and with thousands of cross-country enthusiasts, for whom a new season awaits.

CTA supporters hope that the high-tech data and maps will not only help current trail users, but attract new ones. "The trail is a pretty neat resource for skiing and snowshoeing," says Milks, "and we're trying to get the word out to the younger generation that it's there, it's fun, it's a great way to be in the woods." Last year, there were 10,000 skier days—an impressive figure, but not exact-

ly the 4.5 million that Vermont's alpine resorts enjoy each winter, and the trail's future depends on awareness and support. So, in part to generate publicity, Milks decided to organize an end-to-end tour for February 2003, the first since 1990.

While about 150 people "through-hike" the Long Trail (which coincides with the Catamount at a few points) each season, only a handful have ever skied the Catamount from tail to tip—frosty winter conditions and the sheer effort of scrambling over rocks and under trees on skis make it an extremely challenging endeavor. Nonetheless, spots on the CTA van that shuttled skiers to the trailheads each day quickly filled up, while dozens of families with homes along the trail offered to host the end-to-enders. When February arrived, winter was in brute force, slamming Vermont with temperatures of –32 degrees F; the mercury didn't budge for days. But every single day, the group got up, gathered and skied. On their way to Canada, they sang songs, determined the average age of the group (54), and stopped for hot chocolate. Joined by nearly 200 well-wishers who came to ski part of the trail with them (including this writer), the end-to-enders listened to the sound of their skis swooshing through the snow, and to the stories that each had brought to the backcountry. By the end of February, they had completed their journey; more important, perhaps, they had helped further the legacy of the country's longest cross-country ski trail.



There's a noticeable buzz about the trail this year, thanks to copious amounts of snow that piled up on the Catamount last season. But excitement has also been generated by the end-to-enders and by the shiny new guidebooks arriving in bookstores. Both those who skied the length of the state and those who measured it became ambassadors of the trail by telling stories—with innkeepers, shop owners, and, yes, sometimes computers. Whether they were watching their gear dry by the fire in the home of a Landgrove couple or crackling with post-ski electricity in Ross Commons, the skiers and the students have helped extend the life of this Vermont treasure.

Of course, much of the work on the Catamount occurs in the off-season, when CTA trail chiefs recruit volunteers to help clear brush, build bridges, and nail signature paw-print blazes to trees. Indeed, dozens of workers can be found in the woods on most fall weekends, rushing to prepare before the first big snowfall.

On a brisk bluebird morning in early November, the Middlebury nordic team offered to clear a section just south of the Rikert Touring Center. After an hour's hike into the wilderness, they began lopping branches, snipping roots, and clearing blackberry bushes and goldenrod. Two students decided to cut down a dead tree, sparking a debate as to which way it would fall. "Should we start a pool?" someone chirped before the tree toppled with a thundering crack. Within minutes it was carted off the trail.

That sparkling Sunday morning was a gift to those involved; an exuberance existed, one that can only come from time in the woods—and time on the Catamount. "[The trail] is such a great resource, and it's underutilized," says Simon Isaacs '04. "A lot of kids at Middlebury are environmentally conscientious, but most students don't know about the Catamount Trail."

Milks hopes that will change. And why shouldn't it? Through the hard work of many, the Catamount beckons. Think about the simplicity of it all, the featherweight gear, the freedom, the taste of buttered bread halfway through a 15-mile ski. The way you feel after a day in the backcountry, when you've fallen a dozen times, but are secure in the knowledge that countless others have, too.

The world's oldest winter sport also turns out to be the most democratic, and would seem to be an appealing choice for someone who is new to snow. But the Catamount has a way of casting a spell even among those who know these woods intimately. "People who come from the north realize that the great pleasure of winter is going out and making your own heat," says McKibben, who advises the Middlebury nordic team. "If you really want to see Vermont in the winter, the way to do it is on a pair of cross-country skis."

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IN THE CONVENTIONAL TELEVISION WORLD, POLICE PROCEDURALS DON'T SHOWCASE SHADY COPS, AND WRITERS AREN'T INKED TO MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACTS. THEN AGAIN, NO ONE HAS ACCUSED SHAWN RYAN '88 OF BEING CONVENTIONAL.

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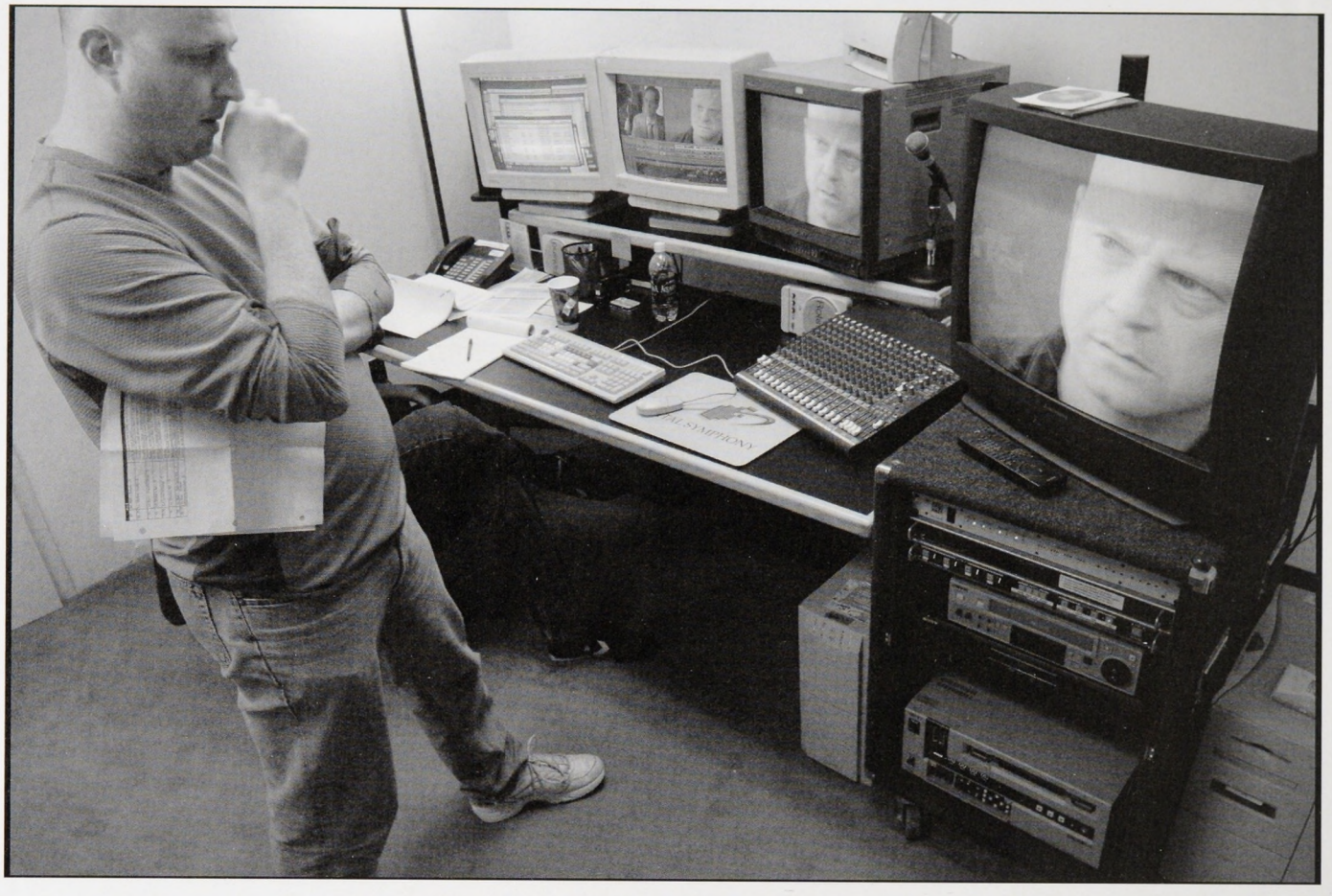
THERE'S A MOMENT at the end of each episode of *The Shield*—the cops-behaving-really-badly drama entering its third season on FX—that seems blissfully out of place after an hour in the company of L.A.'s foulest. It's an image of a fresh-faced young man—OK, he's a preppy—standing in a field dotted with cows. That's the title card for MiddKidd, the production company of series creator Shawn Ryan '88.

"I wanted something to remind me when I watch these shows of where I came from and where I started," he says, sitting in his office on the Prospect Studios lot in Los Angeles. "I like the person I was then, and this town—this industry—has a way of destroying you with success. And I desperately didn't want that to happen to me. I know this sounds deeper than it is, but the card that I throw out at the end of each show reminds me of that kid at Middlebury. I'm the same person who studied economics and theater; there's nothing overtly special about me."

There are those who think otherwise, including the executives at News Corporation, who last June put together a $6 million



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Though Ryan bears an uncanny resemblance to his star actor, Michael Chiklis, *The Shield's* creator insists any similarities are purely coincidental.

package—"the most lucrative writer deal in the history of basic cable," according to *Variety*—to keep Ryan on board as Commanding Officer (that's what the title on his door says) of *The Shield* for the next two seasons. In the rare moment that things slow down enough for reflection, Ryan—dressed not unlike a college student in his T-shirt, jeans, and sneakers—marvels at his role as a Hollywood player.

"They give you the keys to the car far too early in this town," Ryan says between a review of music cues for episode three and a lunch with his writing staff of six. Although he's technically *The Shield*'s show-runner, Ryan views himself as a writer first. "Everything I do on the show is about protecting the writing, and people call that producing," he says. "I'm still learning. I have surrounded myself with really talented and experienced people who do know a lot. If I was smart about anything when I took this job, I was smart knowing how little I knew about how to make a TV show."

Even with a cable-friendly, 13-episode season—nine fewer than most network shows—the schedule can be murder. Over the course of a single day in early November, Ryan had tasks to perform on seven of the season's first eight episodes: "We were breaking the story for our eighth episode, but during the course of that day, I was watching a mix review of episode one. I was picking music for episode two. I was in the editing room for episode three. We were shooting episode four, and I had to run to the set to see a scene. We were putting out blue pages for episode five. I was talking with the writers about episode six. Episode seven was the only one I didn't have anything to do with that day. There's no business school equivalent for this. You're thrown into it, and it's sink—or swim."

Ryan likens the show to his oldest daughter, who turned four in November. "My girl is different than when she was two, but she's the same child. And that's the way I feel about the show. We're true to what the show is, yet the show oftentimes surprises us. You have to trust the good ideas and they come. You let the story and the characters lead you."

From its debut in March 2002, *The Shield* became an instant hit—"by FX standards," Ryan modestly notes. "It's the right show in the right spot, and in that spot it's considered a hit." (In its second season, the series was the year's highest-rated ad-supported cable series among adults 18 to 49, the coveted advertising demographic,

drawing an average of 2.21 million viewers.) On network television, where critically acclaimed fare such as *Boomtown* and *Line of Fire* have struggled to find an audience, Ryan's not sure *The Shield* would be successful. "It's a challenging, in-your-face show, and it isn't easy to digest. It doesn't give you some sort of happy conclusion at the end of every week." Although sales figures are hard to come by, it's also a hit on DVD (the second season was released January 6). "I'm sure we sell a lot more DVDs than *According to Jim* would."

> **"What kind of cops do I want walking the streets protecting my little girl?"**
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> RYAN WONDERED, AS HE FLESHED OUT THE STORY CONCEPT FOR *THE SHIELD*.

Growing up among the cornfields of Rockford, Illinois, Ryan decided that he wanted to be surrounded by mountains when it came to choosing a college, and he and his mother set out to see his top five choices; Middlebury was his last stop. "My mother and I came for our visit sometime in November," he says, "and they had their first big snow of the year the night before we got there. And so I found Middlebury under completely idyllic conditions. My mother remembers me turning to her within the first minute or two on campus and saying, 'This is where I'm going'—which is pretty shallow considering I hadn't met anyone or talked to any of the professors."

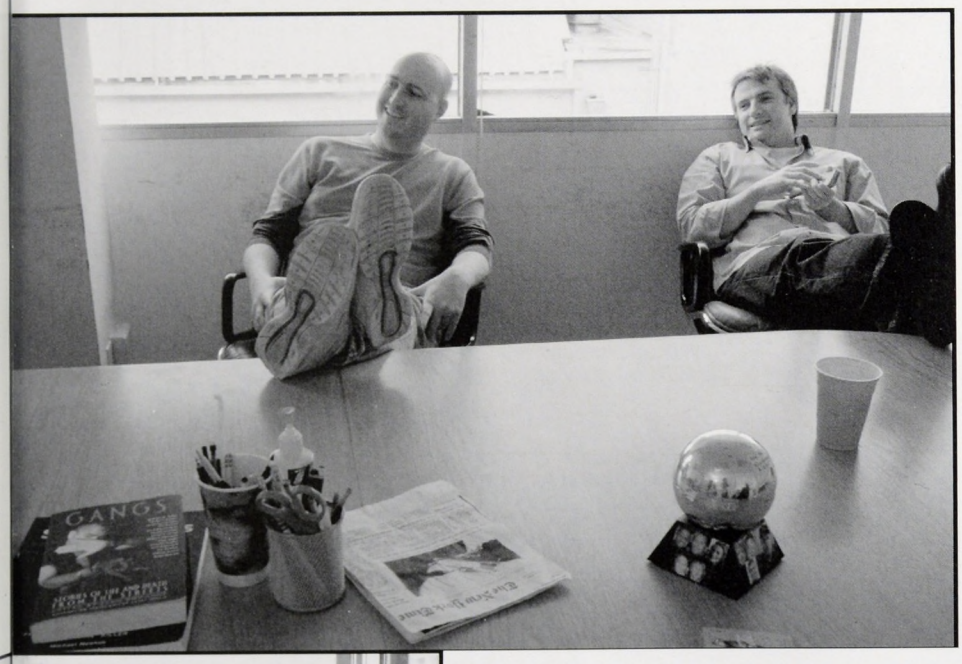
A self-described sports freak in high school, Ryan played two years of JV soccer, warming the varsity bench as a sophomore. ("I don't remember how we finished, but we beat UVM that year and that was sweet.") He majored in economics, he explains, "because I had always been strong in math, and economics sounded like a cool thing to study that would utilize my math skills." But when he started looking at a concentration to go with his major, he gravitated toward theater. His interest in writing emerged with a little help from his professors: "They sought me out and encouraged me to pursue a path because they saw a talent in me that I didn't see in myself."

As a freshman, Ryan took an introductory theater class taught by Doug Anderson. "The final project was to write a five-minute scene and to co-opt a few of the other students in your class to act it out," he says. "I wrote this thing that I thought was funny and that my friends would think was funny but that I assumed no one [else] would. It was like a five-minute inside joke." As it turned out, Anderson liked the scene and encouraged Ryan to take his screenwriting class the following fall, where he wrote his first play.

He took additional theater courses with Doug Sprigg, and film and video classes with Ted Perry, but it was husband-and-wife professors Richard Romagnoli and Cheryl Faraone who energized the theater department—and Ryan—with their arrival on campus his junior year. "They came in and encouraged a lot of student productions," says Ryan, who found himself acting in plays in the College's small black-box theater and developing a real passion for writing.

"I saw in Shawn a somewhat taciturn student who wrote very funny plays about ordinary guys acting beyond their capacities and suffering obviously unintended, but very hysterical consequences," says Romagnoli, who served as an adviser for Ryan's senior work, a play titled *The Gamesman*, about a young hipster, his dorky roommate, and their girlfriends. The production was invited to the American College Theatre Festival, and Ryan won a couple of national honors. One of them, the Columbia Pictures Comedy Playwright Award, catapulted him out of Burlington, where he was writing ads for a radio station, into the writers room of the NBC sitcom *My Two Dads*. There, he spent two weeks learning the ropes, which led to his first story credit and gave him enough money "to live for a year before I had to find real work again."

For the next four years, Ryan paid his dues, turning out spec script after spec script while working odd jobs. "I initially thought I should be pursuing sitcoms. What I found was that I could write



A WRITER'S LIFE
Though Ryan is responsible for the overall creative arc of the program—supervising editing, selecting music—he is most at home in brainstorming sessions with his team of writers. A scuffed wall (left), the victim of numerous encounters with the C.O.'s chair, is proof of that.

funny scripts but I wasn't the world's greatest joke writer"—a liability for landing a job as a staff writer on a sitcom. While Ryan struggled with his punch lines by day, he spent his nights watching dramas—*Northern Exposure, L.A. Law, NYPD Blue,* and the like. He discerned a shift in the storytelling landscape, where an increasing number of shows were mixing drama and comedy. He eventually concluded, "If you could tell good stories but also find some humor in them, there was work available." So he doubled his spec-script output and started pursuing sitcom and drama writing.

With the support of his manager, Ryan was getting a lot of meetings—"I was the guy whose work people liked but never liked enough to give me a job." Eventually he landed some paying jobs—a pilot for the MTM production company, a couple of freelance scripts—but his first steady job was on *Nash Bridges,* the hour-long CBS drama (which he got on the basis of a spec script for HBO's *The Larry Sanders Show*). He spent three years on the Don Johnson vehicle, followed by a year on the *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* spin-off *Angel.* Then he sold the pilot for *The Shield,* and *Angel* producers Joss Whedon and David Greenwalt released him from his contract to make the show.

The roots of *The Shield* (originally known as *The Barn*) dated back to *Nash Bridges.* "Once a year we'd go up to San Francisco to do police ride-alongs, and I found those visits fascinating and dark and interesting, and I found that I could use very little of it for *Nash Bridges,* which was a far lighter, more cartoonish joyride kind of show. So I found myself assembling these stories and human attitude and sarcastic perspective toward things that I saw these cops exhibit but wasn't right for that show."

When Ryan was hired to write a sitcom pilot by Fox Television Studios, he kept pitching them comedy ideas, but nothing flew. After months of frustration and chasing the industry concept du jour—a kung fu show for the WB, a college sitcom for Fox—Ryan was asked what he would really like to write. "I wanted to try to do a cop show," he says, "like HBO would do a cop show"—where the characters could talk naturally with no restrictions on profanity, where the action could be rougher, and where "you didn't have to have a hero who always did the right thing," he says.

As work progressed on the characters—a few detectives, the captain, and a pair of uniformed cops—Ryan felt something was still missing. Around the time he was struggling with the script, the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department was buried waist-deep in scandal, with charges of drug dealing, witness intimidation, illegal shootings, planting of evidence, frame-ups, and perjury, for starters. As Ryan read further, he learned that the department had discharged special units to the gang-infested areas, "and had started ruling them, by the sound of it, with an iron fist," he says. "They seemed to be doing the wrong things, but getting the right results."

As he was outlining the story, Ryan often sat in his infant daughter's room, with his Notebook computer in his lap, having just gotten her to sleep. As a first-time father, he recalls, "I had these disaster fantasies of all the things in the world that could hurt her. And I started thinking to myself, What kind of cops do I want walking the streets protecting my little girl? What would I be willing to put up with from the law officers whose salaries I helped pay if it were to make her safer?" The more he thought about it, the more inconclusive he became. "And I thought that could make for good drama if I wasn't sure myself which side I wanted to be on." So he added the strike-team element to the show, which led to the creation of the show's breakout character, Vic Mackey.

From the outset, Ryan, co-executive producer Scott Brazil, and director Clark Johnson agreed not to lock themselves into types when casting the series. For instance, actress CCH Pounder wanted to audition for the part of a police detective that was originally written as a man. She won the part, and Charles Wyms became Claudette. Likewise, detective Vic Mackey wasn't written "as a bald, bulldog kind of guy," Ryan says. "I was envisioning a more traditional Hollywood, young Harrison Ford sort of lead." But then Michael Chiklis (star of TV's *The Commish* and the mercifully short-lived *Daddio*) read for the part, "and he was too good in the audition for us to go in any other direction. It wasn't what we expected, but once we saw Michael we realized, Wow, that really works." Any similarities between Chiklis and Ryan—both are heavyset, bald, thirtysomething males—are purely coincidental: "I still view myself as a fit 19-year-old with hair," Ryan says, laughing. In September 2002, when Chiklis copped a Best Actor Emmy for his performance, *The Shield* was firmly planted on the TV landscape—a position cemented four months later when Chiklis and *The Shield* took home Golden Globes in the drama categories. While the accolades are much appreciated, they don't make Ryan's work any less harrowing. As a show-runner, he says, "You never feel comfortable. Each step in the process can let you down: The script might not be as good as it needs to be. The guest actor you get might not be as good in performance as he was in the audition. All of a sudden you can't get the rights to a song that you were counting on using for the show. You expect the house of cards to fall at any moment, and when it finally works you feel so unbelievably lucky"—and then it's on to the next episode.

For most of the year, Ryan's life revolves around the show and his family, leaving little time for anything else. As part of his new contract on *The Shield,* Ryan has a series development deal for 20th Century Fox TV. "I think it will allow me to develop whatever it is that I want to develop, which is how I'm going to approach it," says Ryan, who plans to wrap up production on season three before starting any new projects. "The greatest thing about being hooked up with Fox is that they sell to everybody. There are a lot of buyers out there now, so it would be great to have a show on network. I've worked on network shows, but they've never been my shows."

A hit show, job security, a loving family—to borrow a phrase from E!, it's good to be Shawn Ryan. "I can't really fathom what it all means," says Ryan, who is scheduled to return to campus as a speaker on April 14. "It sort of reminds me of the classic line from *Broadcast News,* when William Hurt asks, 'What do you do when your life exceeds your dreams?' and Albert Brooks replies, 'Keep it to yourself.'"

Dick Anderson is a freelance writer living in Los Angeles. He's at work on a television pilot that doesn't involve shady cops, though he wouldn't turn his nose up at a multimillion-dollar writing contract.

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Class Action

Top Secret
Though clandestine meetings in Lafayette Park are not part of Don Gentile's job portfolio, the Language School graduate does handle sensitive intelligence at the National Security Agency. Photograph by Stephen Spartana

Get Smart

An M.A. in Spanish has led Don Gentile to the secretive world of foreign intelligence.

By William Cocke

Don Gentile, M.A. Spanish '82, won't talk much about his job, which is somewhat ironic considering he loves language. When you factor in his chosen profession as a language analyst with the ultrasecret National Security Agency (NSA), however, Gentile's demureness is more understandable.

For the past 20 years, Gentile has worked for the organization known as the eyes and ears of the nation's intelligence community, doing, well, he can't say exactly what. It's not that he's rude; quite the opposite, in fact. As fluent in the colloquial New Englandese that he grew up speaking in Massachusetts as he is in the Spanish he studied as a Middlebury graduate student, Gentile is exceedingly polite. He apologizes when he explains he can talk about his job in only general terms ("I love my job, and I'd like to keep it," he jokes); even when presented the opportunity to brag about a recent promotion, he declines. "I really can't talk about that. I'm sorry."

The son of an Italian immigrant, Gentile was drawn to the romance languages at an early age. He double majored in Spanish and French at Colby College and spent a semester in Paris immersed in the French culture. After graduating from Colby in 1976, he accepted a teaching job at Proctor Academy in Andover, New Hampshire, instructing high school students in French, Spanish, and English. Gentile loved teaching and might have spent his career in education were it not for a casual remark from a colleague about Middlebury's Language Schools. Gentile applied to the Spanish School and was accepted in 1979. It was, he says, "a life-changing" moment.

"My language skills improved exponentially," he says. "[Each summer], in those eight weeks, the progress that you make is certainly the equivalent to six months to a year in a foreign country." As a teacher, Gentile had stressed that learning other tongues is not just a rote exercise in foreign semantics, but a means of absorbing another culture in all its complexity. Soon he would learn just how complex the world of languages could be.

For years, Middlebury's Language Schools have served as a hot destination for government employees looking to enhance—or establish—language skills, but government entities have also looked toward the College when *recruiting* employees. During Gentile's time at Middlebury, he says that recruiters from the National Security Agency vis-

The Gatekeeper
A National Security Agency language analyst helps determine whether acquired material meets foreign intelligence priorities, Gentile explains. If so, it's passed on to foreign policy experts.

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ited each summer; by the time he had earned his degree in 1982, he knew he wouldn't be returning to Proctor Academy.

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As the nation's cryptologic organization, the NSA is charged with listening to, processing, and analyzing the vast bulk of raw foreign intelligence used by the government and other agencies within the intelligence community. It's

the place where enemy codes are cracked and U.S. intelligence systems are protected; since most of the world speaks a primary language other than English, the NSA is also one of the most important centers of foreign language analysis in the U.S. government. By necessity, utmost secrecy surrounds everything it does. In *Body of Secrets,* a 2001 book about the NSA, author James Bamford calls it "the largest, most secret, and most advanced spy organization on the planet."

When Gentile was hired, Spanish was a hot language. This was a time of insurgency in Central America, and there was a tangible fear that rebel groups such as Nicaragua's Sandanistas could shoot their way as far north as the Rio Grande.

Though hired as a Spanish language analyst, Gentile picked up "most of the other romance languages." When asked to expand on "most," Gentile demurs. He also chooses his words carefully when he explains what exactly a language analyst does.

"You're given foreign language materials to work on," he says cryptically, "but you're not a translation machine. You have foreign intelligence priorities, and you use your language and analytical skills to determine whether the material that you're working on meets those priorities." If so, Gentile adds, the material is then compiled into an intelligence report and passed on to foreign policy experts.

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In 1999, Gentile was assigned to the White House Situation Room, and he was in the executive branch's crisis nerve center on September 11, 2001. When the first hijacked plane hit the World Trade Center, he was one of only four analysts at their posts.

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"My only comment will be that we were certainly under an extraordinary amount of stress and under command to provide communication support and information to the president, vice president, and National Security Council," Gentile says. "There was a period of between two and three hours that day that was the most intense I've ever experienced. I probably think about it every day."

Not surprisingly, Gentile acknowledges that the NSA's priorities shifted to the global war on terrorism that day; while intelligence agencies have taken public steps emphasizing the need to train and recruit analysts fluent in Arabic and southern Asian languages, Gentile warns that the intelligence community is still facing a language crisis of unprecedented proportions. "The demand surged for people who were skilled in those languages," he points out. Native speakers often have a limited grasp of English, Gentile adds, making them less versatile in language work. And security clearances can't be rushed. Neither can learning programs for esoteric languages and obscure dialects.

As he sees it, the need for foreign language students has never been greater within a national security framework. "We need a major turnaround in foreign language study in this country," he says. "Everything that's happened in the last couple of years has sensitized us to the larger issue of understanding other people and their view of the world. We have to understand people, we can't just fight them."

The federal government is making a large commitment to fund and support internal programs in Arabic and other languages, Gentile explains, but the need is so great that private language schools, such as Middlebury, will have to assist in meeting this need. "[This crisis] is ongoing, it's generational, and it's going to continue for the foreseeable future."

Still, Gentile remains optimistic. "There have been many situations that we've prevented because of great intelligence work and great language work that I can't talk about," he says. "For anyone who's passionate about foreign languages, the NSA is the place to work."

And the otherwise tight-lipped intelligence professional does have one secret to share: "If you have certain foreign language skills, it's a great time to go into government."

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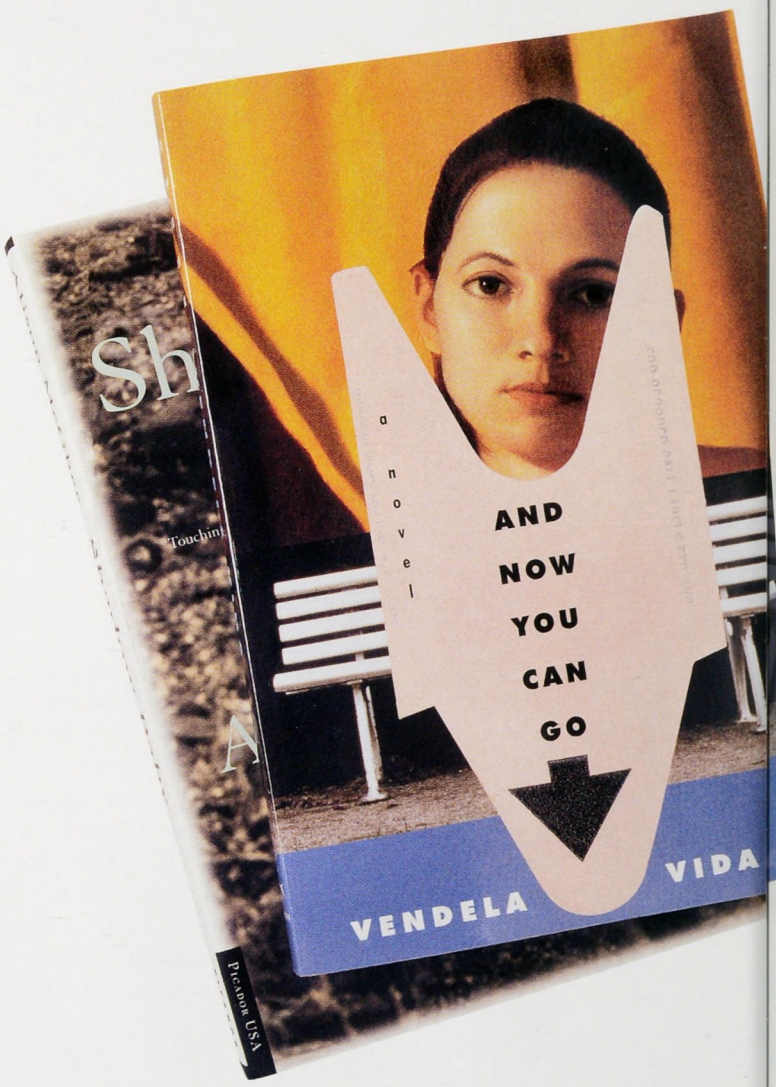
The Meaning of Life

Two spirited women have the literary world buzzing about their new books.

By Regan Eberhart



TWO WIDELY ACCLAIMED novels narrated by spirited, independent, young women are contributing to the literary universe of strong female voices. The protagonists in both books struggle to find meaning, and both find something greater—peace.

In *Shadow Baby* (St. Martin's Press) by **Alison McGhee '82**, 11-year-old Clara Winter sets out to interview an old man for her oral history project. The interview stretches out over many visits to his trailer in the Adirondacks. As Clara and the old man, Georg, get to know one another, they develop a friendship that allows them to reveal their vulnerabilities. Georg is reticent and illiterate, and a talented metalsmith. Clara is precocious and charming, and tormented by mysteries about her early years.

McGhee is a wonderful storyteller. Her characters become empathetic souls whom we care about, and the story is told as an intriguing puzzle. McGhee resolves the mystery of Clara's life slowly, incrementally unfolding details until the puzzle is complete. Clara, a storyteller herself, invents her own tales to explain the things she is trying to figure out. Tormented by a pervasive sense of loss, she believes she had a twin sister—born with her in a car during a raging blizzard—who did not survive birth. One of her tales ends with the safe delivery of both babies: her grandfather walks into the storm for help, returning with a midwife. To explain where her absent grandfather is now, Clara pictures him living in the wilderness, trading animal hides in town.

Although *Shadow Baby* is about ordinary people, their struggles against pain and sadness are noble and uplifting. "The American rags-to-riches story so abundant in our mythology is not of interest to me," McGhee says in describing her writing. "What I am interested in instead is the struggle of ordinary human beings trying to live good lives, facing sorrows that they would not have wished upon themselves. . . . Trying and trying and trying." The characters in *Shadow Baby* do more than try, they succeed. This is Alison McGhee's second novel, her first, *Rainlight,* won the 1999 Minnesota Book Award. *Shadow Baby* was finalist for the Minnesota Book Award.

Vendela Vida '93 delves into a different sort of personal struggle in her debut novel *And Now You Can Go* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2003). Vida has transformed the somber subject of random violence into a wacky, darkly unconventional narrative. Ellis, a Columbia grad student, tells the story as it happens, in quick takes, full of observations related with cool detachment.

Ellis finds her life abruptly altered by one brief encounter in New York's Riverside Park. She is held up at gunpoint by a man with plans to die and take her with him. Instead of panicking, she fixates on details about her assailant, the smell of garlic, his Giorgio Armani glasses, his shoelaces tied in double bows. Then, inexplicably, she recites poetry to him, an example of some-

Photograph by Tad Merrick

thing worth living for. "The man is looking at me like I'm worse off than he is. I'm standing now, no drastic moves, reciting the last stanza … I pause. I'm sorry I say, I can't remember the rest." Soon, he runs off, leaving Ellis unharmed.

Although she saved herself by her own wits, Ellis descends into a robotlike victimhood. She looks at mug shots of men who can't possibly be the perpetrator, feeling the need to please the police; she sees a counselor who hints that her tight sweater may have been to blame. And she holds the world at bay, while maintaining a third-person perspective, as if watching herself. Boyfriends float in and out of the picture. New suitors remain unnamed: the red-faced representative of the world and the ROTC boy. She accepts their advances almost by rote.

It takes a trip outside of her world to bring her back into it. When she accompanies her mother to the Philippines on a medical mission, the exhausting work helps restore her joy in life. *And Now You Can Go* is a provocative narrative that keeps readers at a cool distance, while gently entangling them.

Also Noteworthy

ANYONE WHO HAS EVER MARVELED at the deft construction of a Russian nesting doll will find *The Art of the Russian Matryosha* (Vernissage Press, 2003) fascinating. This coffee-table book is edited by **GAIL BUYSKE '76** and written by Rett Ertl and Rick Hibberd, who document the evolution of *matryosha* (hollow wooden dolls that encase a series of dolls), from the first one made in 1899 to the present. Using stunning photography of artisans at work and of dolls from many collections, the authors disclose intriguing and little-known details about how these toys are made and how cultural forces have influenced them.

There is an amazing variety of *matryosha;* they range from 3 to 72 pieces, often depicting a mother filled with her children. They may also be painted to tell stories as they are unpacked. Others, like the "Bill Clinton and his girls" doll have been made expressly for the American market. From the forests where the birch and linden trees are harvested, to the factories where the logs are cut and hollowed, to the areas where women apply the designs and lacquers, to the well-known artists who craft unusual and beautiful dolls—the story of *matryosha* provides a compelling look at contemporary Russian history.

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Eleven-year-old Melanie Martin and her family are off to Europe again in *With Love from Spain, Melanie Martin* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2004), by **CAROL WESTON** (M.A. Spanish **'79**). The last time we saw Melanie, she was traveling with her parents in Holland *(Melanie Martin Goes Dutch).* Now an older and more sanguine Melanie records the details of her trip in her diary—complete with silly rhymes and pronunciation guides for Spanish words. While in Spain, Melanie's mother gets reacquainted with an old flame, which causes Melanie some anxiety; she then develops a crush on his son. At the end, daughter and mom have a heart-to-heart about boys and love. The conversation contains warm and wise advice for girls (and for parents who may be having similar discussions with their daughters).

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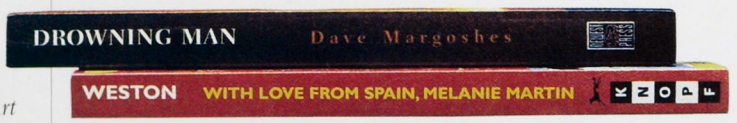
In *Drowning Man* (NeWest Press, 2003), **DAVE MARGOSHES '63** has created an unlikely sleuth, 63-year-old Wilf Sweeney, an alcoholic reporter who has returned to his hometown in British Columbia after years away. While writing obituaries for the *Chronicle,* he comes across one entry, a dead man for whom there is little information, and he sets out to find answers. Set in 1970, Sweeney's news world is gritty and grabbing. An absorbing mystery.

Night Table

What's on Alison McGhee's night table?

- *Wind, Sand, and Stars* by Antoine de Saint-Exupery
- *The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver*
- *Book of My Nights* by Li-Young Lee
- *There's Treasure Everywhere: A Calvin and Hobbes Collection* by Bill Watterson



Recently Published

- *Bird Traditions of the Lime Village Area Dena'ina: Upper Stony River Ethno-ornithology* (Alaska Native Knowledge Network, University of Alaska, 2003) by **GEORGE WEST '53** and PRISCILLA RUSSELL.
- *The Cloaking of Power* (University of Chicago Press, 2003) by **PAUL O. CARRESE '89**
- *Culture, Ecology, and Politics in Gabon's Rainforest* (Edwin Mellen Press, 2003) edited by **MICHAEL REED '72** and James F. Barnes
- *It's Your Fault: An Insider's Guide to Learning and Teaching in City Schools* (Teachers College Press, 2003) by **REXFORD BROWN '63**
- *Making Rain: The Secrets of Building Lifelong Client Loyalty* (John Wiley & Sons, 2003) by **ANDREW SOBEL '76**
- *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha: Two Years in the Heart of an African Village* (Henry Holt & Company, 2003) by **SARAH ERDMAN '96**
- *The Nonprofit Membership Toolkit* (Jossey-Bass, 2003) by **ELLIS M.M. ROBINSON '74**
- *The Quality of Life: Living Well, Dying Well* (The Lyons Press, 2003), by **JANET LEMBKE '53**
- *The Reggio Approach, Bringing Learning to Life* (Teachers College Press, 2003) by **LOUISE BOYD CADWELL '71**
- *Renegades, Rebels and Rogues Under the Tsars* (McFarland & Company, 2003) by **PETER JULICHER** M.A. Russian **'79**
- *Stanley Cavel* (Cambridge University Press, 2003) by **RICHARD ELDRIDGE '75**

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First the good news. Cheerful messages from classmates indicate that with the help of families, good neighbors, and community services, we're faring well in this winter of 2004. I reached **Storrs Lee** in his home in New Harbor, Maine, as he was expecting his son, Ralph, whose theater company had just completed a performance season in New York City. Son Bill (W. Storrs IV) came for a summer visit from Thailand. Neighbors helped Storrs celebrate his 97th birthday in August. Unable now to accept invitations to Middlebury events, he is appreciative of Meals on Wheels and access to medical services. ✷ In her Saxtons River home, **Louise Thompson** has a good neighbor who snow-blows her out when he does his own driveway. Her next-door neighbors are Vermont Academy faculty members. Her late brother, Walter '26, left his home in trust to Vermont Academy as a faculty residence. (Walter, Louise, and our late Class Secretary **Bill Donald** all graduated from Vermont Academy.) Her meals also come on wheels, five days a week, thanks to volunteers. Her summer was pleasant with visits from her cousins. ✷ **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** reports that she had "three birthdays." Actually, three different groups of family members came to congratulate her on her 96th birthday. "Lib" has an apartment in the Fairway, an assisted living facility in Rydal Park, Pa., near her daughter's home. Many family members also live in the area. She and her daughter call one another each day. She has a companion to assist her and to walk with her every morning, walker style. She loves to read and finds the evening best for that. Visits can be very active, since she now has 11 great-grandchildren. She credits her happiness to her family. ✷ When we spoke, **Helen Revere Hatch**'s doctor had just pronounced her in good health. Helen is enjoying an emeritus role in the Venice, Fla., Symphony, the Women's Club, and the College Club, responding when the young members call upon her to provide historical perspective. She is still interested in student exchange programs and she enjoys preparing and hostessing luncheons for friends in her home. Her preference was for a quiet 97th birthday, but she and son Steve hope to go to Costa Rica again this year. It was good to hear these voices. ✷ Now the sad news. George Barr Clark Jr. notified the College of the death of his mother, **Evelyn Quick Clark**, on August 4, 2003, at Morehead City, N.C.—a shock because she had recently sent us a reunion message through her daughter, Jean. Middlebury College was so important in her family. She and her late husband, George Barr Clark '25, were graduates, as well as her late sister, Shirley Quick Sabia '29. Also daughter Jean Clark Johnson attended Middlebury with the class of 1954 before graduating elsewhere. Born in Middlebury, Conn., on November 22, 1905, Ev graduated from Watertown (Conn.) High School. She was our class basketball star, active in dramatics, class, and sorority activities. But after George's graduation, she always made time for correspondence and telephone calls. (George's position as supervisor of consumer relations for the New Jersey Bell Telephone Company was helpful.) They married on July 14, 1928, and their first home was in Chatham, N.J. We send our best wishes to daughter Jean Clark, son George Barr, and their families.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978-369-5595).*

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REUNION CLASS

Celebrated my 95th birthday September 20, 2003, with seven great-grandchildren (ages 4–10) singing happy birthday! I have decided to "ring down the curtain" on the practice of writing and circulating, every few months, the "Notes on the Economy" that have gone, since the early 1960s, to a large circle of friends and former colleagues, here and abroad. At this age, it is too much for me to do adequately. ✷ I regret to report the death of **Marjorie Sibley Paul** on April 30, and of **Fredrika Alexander Burrows** on June 16.

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

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There are notes from fewer classmates this issue, for whatever reason only you readers can say. However, there is news from **Philander Bates**, who has sold his home on the Cape and moved to the Epoch Assisted Living Home of Brewster. Most of you can probably agree that he will, at our age, rejoice in abandoning the cares of home ownership and occupancy. There's also word from Grandma **Nathalie Lewis Emery**, who comments that our world is changing in ways hard to accept. News?

—Class Secretaries: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert, (calverte@aol.com) 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

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Nancy Moores Poltrack writes from Leominster, Mass., where she is in assisted living: "I do volunteer reading for preschoolers at a local bookstore. I enjoy writing for our newsletter. I miss the laughter shared with former classmates. In my last conversation with my roommate, **Charlotte Adams Merriam**, she said she'd save a space in heaven so we could be roommates again."

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Allyn (Pete) White writes: "A high point of the year for me was Reunion when, as the sole representative of '33, I was singled out by President McCardell. At his luncheon for older classes he presented me with Bain's monumental tome, *The College on the Hill.* Then he escorted me into Mead Chapel for Convocation to the applause of all classes; at the conclusion he and Mrs. McCardell ushered out both Grace and me before all others." Pete writes that he has been living in Burlington, Vt., for nine years, "since I joined with Grace Smith, widow of Wyman Smith '35. In my 70s, I spent considerable time with them at Alumni College, in Burlington, and at their sugarbush farm in Cabot, Vt. With Grace I acquired another extended family, with three children and families in Vermont and Minnesota. These are in addition to my extended family in Maine of two children, grands, and great-grands. Of course we spend considerable time visiting and communicating with them. I also keep in touch with, and very modestly contribute to, some 50 charities that I believe are promoting world sustainability. We live in Heineberg Senior Housing, a building with 80 apartments for oldsters, with minimum support services. My health has stabilized remarkably well, even after four major operations since 1985." ✷ Our thanks to Pete Allen for sending news of his father, **Richard Allen**: "Dad was pleased to receive your card and has asked me to reply on his behalf, as arthritis took his ability to write about two years ago. Middlebury memories and ties are fond ones, so please convey his best regards to all the hardy survivors!" [*Ed. note: We regret to report that Richard passed away on November 21. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.*] ✷ **Faith Kellogg Dailey** was sorry to miss our 70th Reunion, but says she is "definitely alive and in relatively good health. I do grow increasingly unsteady on my feet so that I must use a cane at all times. I'm more deaf and my sight not as good, but I manage well with a magnifier and by choosing books with decent print. I feel fortunate." Faith still lives in her own home with her son and his family. She helps with the housekeeping and continues her morning and evening exercise program, along with 45 minutes of knee exercises each afternoon. ✷ **Alice Denio Rulison**, who sends her best wishes for health and happiness, applauds your secretary for taking on the job of getting news from our class. Alice has moved out of assisted living into independent quarters. "I go with a group of 'senior mentors' to an elemen-

tary school to help children in reading. I also assist with teaching Bible study to residents and read aloud to them. Last year I went to my sister's in Vernon and the whole family came to celebrate my 90th birthday. My daughter came here (Hialeah, Fla.) this year for a week. She retired from a position at a community college near Chicago and is enjoying traveling. One granddaughter is a veterinarian in Ohio; the other lived in Africa for several years and now works with USAid, helping locals start small businesses at sites in several countries. My grandson is in seminary to become a minister. His wife is a psychologist at Ohio Univ. They have three children." ✷I (**Mary Duryee Weeks**) keep busy in Ashburnham, Mass., where I'm involved with church work, reading, and playing bridge. I recently flew to New Orleans for the exciting wedding of grandson Michael. Once a year I go out to Porland, Ore., to visit son Stephen and his wife. He teaches theater at Lewis & Clark College. Son Gene lives 1.5 hours from me. ✷ **Mary Omwake Dearborn** writes: "Life in my retirement home (Trinity Oaks) offers many activities in which I participate. I enjoy especially *not* cooking, the water aerobics, and plenty of bridge. I am still able to drive so I go to plays, concerts, and ballgames at my second alma mater, Catawba College. I am most grateful that I can still do so many activities. Maybe I should thank all those pills I take! We all have happy memories of our Middlebury days, so let's keep in touch via Mary Weeks."
—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430.*

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Rosemary Faris Baer sends greetings from San Diego: "Sorry not to make our 70th Reunion. I'm still bright-eyed and fuzzy-eared. How about you?"

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Where were you when Hurricane Isabel struck? Those along the East Coast will long remember the inconvenience of no power. How much we take for granted! Water at the turn of a faucet and lights at the flick of a switch, always responding until the line is broken. Lamps filled with kerosene are not easy to read by. One small kettle of water on the propane stove yielded a welcome cup of coffee. After some 15 to 20 hours all was back to normal. Some of you in New Jersey probably had a much more exciting tale to tell. *Please* share your news. ✷ On July 22, former Senator **Robert Stafford** and wife Helen Kelley Stafford '38 attended a luncheon for the formal inauguration of the Robert and Helen Kelley Stafford Professorship in Public Policy. At the inaugural luncheon, Prof. Christopher McGrory Klyza presented the results of his recent research for a new book, *Environmental Policy Beyond Gridlock: New Paths, Old Problems*. Prof. Klyza, of the political science and environmental studies department, began his service as the first Stafford Professor on July 1. ✷ **Anna Mirante Majors** passed away on July 21. She was an enthusiastic hockey and basketball player, a debater, and a member of both the French and Spanish clubs. The class joins me in sending condolences to her family. ✷I have also received news of the death of my old college roommate, **Elizabeth Coley Congdon** on August 6. Betty, as we knew her, was active in basketball and baseball and a member of the Mountain Club. In her sophomore year she was assistant business manager and associate chairman of the 1935 Junior Week. The class sends sympathy to her children and grandchildren. ✷ **Charles Kuster** has retired from teaching, upon the return of the regular instructor. To quote him: "I no longer need the extra stimulus of teaching in my life." From evaluations of his teaching at the end of the semester, it was evident that he had presented the material effectively and the students were impressed.
—Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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Rosamond Bishop writes from her "new abode," a retirement home called Heather Haven in Dunedin, Fla., "a pretty town of Scottish heritage on the Florida west coast. Over a dozen of us live in this large house across the street from a park, with a view of the water. The inmates here are of various degrees of decrepitude, but we are like family—either scrapping or enjoying each other's company. Except for one knee and two feet, which can behave badly, I'm okay. I can only hope most of my classamtes are this healthy. Wishing to read good news about you all in the *Middlebury Magazine*!" ✷ **Louise Hubbard McCoy** is settled at North Hill (Apt. L403, 865 Central Ave., Needham, MA 02492). Living near son Roger and his family in Wellesley, she finds North Hill an ideal location. Her lovely apartment has space for her Steinway piano. She mentions her happy correspondence with **Dick Hubbard**. ✷Finding it too far to attend a Tattoo in Scotland, **Poppy (Evelyn Poppel) Gerard** was delighted with Nova Scotia's 25th International Tattoo in Halifax: "The Tattoo was spectacular, glorious. Participants were from all over the world and the array of uniforms was mind-boggling!" ✷Though less active, **Barbara Warner Barry** still takes care of a four-bedroom home and still drives her my car. "I have no family near me, sad to say. I recently spent a few weeks in Virginia with my son and hope to spend the holidays down there. **Anna Mayo** and I keep in close touch via phone. You may remember we were roommates for three years at Middlebury." ✷ **Isabel Kinney Frakie** sends her best from Grand Rapids, Mich.: "I'm happy living in a really great retirement community. I'm well, playing lots of bridge, and active in my volunteer work. My two sons live near me, as well as four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. It was great to be with **Agnes Harris Finger Taylor** last July, when she came for a visit. Agnes writes that her trip to visit Isabel was a birthday gift from "my two great kids." She and Isabel "had a wonderful time remembering old times, as well as sharing new experiences. Isabel's family went all out to make my visit a very special one. Back in Vermont, one Saturday in August **Marion Cole Morhouse** joined **Margaret Leach Harris** and me for lunch at my cottage at Lake Dunmore. Though sunny, it was too cool for a swim. ✷ **Bevalie Cone Pritchard**, **Agnes Taylor**, and **Maggie Leach Harris** attended the September 13 memorial service for Nita Pritchard Cook '26, who died on August 9 at the age of 99. She was interred next to her husband, Reginald Cook '24, in Weybridge Cemetery. Maggie writes: "Family members, President McCardell, and other friends spoke about Nita—her wit and her loving devotion to Doc. Nita's death marked a close to a period at Middlebury, an era enriched by Prexy Moody, daily chapel, and the teaching of Doc Cook, Robert Frost, and other notables." ✷ **Roxana Lewis Blackmore** reports her good health is "probably due to walking so much between classes on the Midd campus during those beautiful snowy winters." Roxie is busy fabricating quilts for abandoned children at the Northeast Home for Children. She still has two cars, but has given up night and long distance driving. ✷From Alexandria, Va., **Eleanore Cobb Lee** sends greetings to her classmates: "I hope everyone votes Democratic, but will forgive those who do not." ✷ **Malcolm Gross** sent a report in July: "My wife and I still live in a retirement facility which provides assisted living. Fortunately, my wife and I are still independent. I am not able to do much walking—except to the dining room—so I spend most of my time in our apartment reading, watching sports on TV, and watching the Senate on C-SPAN. I recently had a cataract removed from one eye, so I can read more easily. Oregon is a good state to live in, except it is bankrupt." ✷ **Mary Williams Brackett** joined friends from Norwalk, Conn., for two delightful trips: "In 2002 we traveled to Paris, London, and South Africa, spending five days in two different camps in the Kruger National Park. This past July, we drove to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, returning to Bar Harbor, Maine, on the CAT, an amazing vessel that makes the trip in just under three hours. After that I was quite content to spend the rest of the summer at my cottage on Cliff Island." ✷ **Angus Brooks** writes of our honorary classmate **Al Spendlove**. The widower of **Dot Symonds Spendlove**, Al recently went to Maine to visit his great-grandson, William, who maintains a state of perpetual motion—perhaps genetic energy from Al and Dot. After his retirement from the newspaper business, he became a history nut. He and Dot followed Benedict Arnold's march to Quebec and did quite a bit of traveling. Al's health has become of concern and we send him warm greetings. ✷We regret to report the death of **Martin Tierney** on August 12. He played competitive tennis until age 88. The condolences of the class are extended to his wife, Karline; his brother, Raymond Tierney '44; and all the family.
—Class Secretaries: *Dr. Angus M. Brooks, 8 Winter Meadow, Barre, VT 05641; Mrs. Margaret Leach Harris, 516 W. River Rd., Lincoln, VT 05443; and Miss Louise E. Hutchinson, 149 East Side Dr., #351, Concord, NH 03301.*

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Charles and Ruth Schaeffer '36 **Sawyer** celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary at an August dinner with daughter Joan and her husband, Dr. Bill Steffan. The Sawyers write: "We've had some difficult health problems this past year, but are doing better now. In May, Joan gave an invited talk on the new scientific research data at the Gordon Conference in Tuscany, Italy. Her molecular biological research on Huntington's disease has been going well." ✷ **Rita Cosenza Moore** enjoyed a series of family reunions in New Hampshire during the summer, greeting 41 relatives, including her four children, six grandchildren, and four great-

grandchildren. She also visited sisters Louise Cosenza Aldrich '44 and Helene Cosenza Chase '38—and Helene's husband, **Loring "Chuck" Chase**. Although she has macular degeneration, Rita is generally in good health and is "getting along pretty well" with some visual aids. * Still showing her sense of humor, **Barbara Gregory Hopkins** says she is fine, "still toddling around with my cane, but I can still get out to church activities, to volunteer at the hospital, to play bridge, and the usual old ladies' lunch dates." Barb enjoyed a cruise with her "two great kids" up the St. Lawrence River to Montreal, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. She was looking forward to the fall with plenty of football games on the calendar, since she has a varsity football grandson and a varsity cheerleader granddaughter—and, she adds, "of course, the Packers!" You can tell that Barb lives in Wisconsin. * **Charles Harvi** and Dody had a busy summer, with "relatives and friends crashing in at all hours." They are both in fairly good health, but Chas has had to give up cruising and air travel. His home chores have been greatly eased with his new lawn tractor. * **Mary Lance Osborn**, after losing her husband Gordon in January 2003, is glad to be living at a retirement residence in Illinois, offering a pleasant apartment and two meals a day. The move brought the Osborns closer to their two sons, and they were able to pay their first visit to great-grandson Truman Osborn. Mary writes that she is "enjoying new friends, good food, good times, movies, books, conversation, and laughter. Despite my loss, I feel blessed." * Also counting her blessings is **Ruth Furness Lombardy**, who reports on a big July event, a joint birthday party for her 88th and for Anthony's 27th. Ruth explains that Anthony is "my granddaughter Cindy's guy" and the party was held at the new home they have been busy fixing up. "I felt like a queen," she writes. "Amazing that they went to so much trouble for me. They made me feel very loved." * "In spite of age," writes **Doris Downing Daley**, "this has been a busy year for me. I now have three great-grandchildren, so have done some traveling to see them. This summer I went twice to Cape Cod with one of my sons and his family. I still enjoy playing bridge and belong to several organizations where I keep active. Would love to hear from old friends at Midd." * Yours truly, **Marsh Sewell**, wife Joyce, and daughter Robin, in from California, spent a week in southern Vermont in September, driving to Middlebury for a day's visit with **Walt** and Bobbie Carrick '40 **Brooker**. We gave Robin a walking tour of the campus, then Walt drove us around the farm country west of the College and the growing industrial park north of town. After his long career in development at Middlebury College, Walt vowed he would do no more fund-raising during retirement, but he has been tapped as a consultant to Elderly Services, Inc., in their capital campaign to finance a new eldercare center to serve senior residents of Addison County and surrounding communities.

—Class Secretary: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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After living most of her life in a farmhouse that had been in her family since 1828, **Marian Hewes McKenney** moved to an apartment in Little Falls, N.Y., in April 2003. She is delighted that her second-floor apartment overlooks a field where there are horses. She continues with most of her volunteer activities. She is thankful to have a son living in the area, while her other three children are scattered. Marian has many grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. * **Betty MacCulloch Mattox** had an interesting trip home from reunion in June. Her driver was daughter Janet, who is not only an environmentalist, but also a lover of all wildlife. As they were driving south, Janet saw a snapping turtle in the road. Because she was concerned it might be run over, she turned the car around, went back, picked it up, and put it in a box on the back seat. (Betty wasn't sure this was such a good idea when she saw the turtle walking around!) In the area of Lake Bomoseen, Janet stopped again and carefully returned the turtle to Mother Earth. Betty also reported that she and husband Dick keep active and are enjoying the condo where they have lived for a year and a half. Unfortunately Dick fell in summer 2002, severely fracturing his leg. After a long hospital stay and considerable rehab, he now gets around with a walker. * Terina and **Al Riccio** have lived in Tamarac, Fla., for many years. Daughter Cynthia, who is an occupational therapist, lives about 20 minutes away. Their community has a club house, where Al and Terina enjoy many activities. The memories of the many wonderful cruises they took over the years bring back fond memories. * **Eleanor Carroll Mullis** fell and broke her hip about a year ago, resulting in a hip replacement. Fortunately I was able to contact Eleanor's daughter, Carroll Mullis Buttolph '67, and learned that Eleanor is now living in an adult community located about a 10-minute drive from her former home in Skaneateles. Eleanor keeps busy with discussion groups, exercise classes, bridge, and the other activities for which such communities are famous. Carroll said that she knows Eleanor would enjoy receiving letters from classmates at 49 Academy St., Skaneateles, NY 13152. * **Helen Kelley Stafford**'s four daughters and five grandchildren are all very busy in their various professions. Two daughters live in New York State and two in Vermont, with grandchildren scattered between the West and East Coasts. When husband Robert '35 celebrated his 90th birthday on August 8, Gov. Douglas '72 named that day Robert Stafford Day in his honor. Helen writes: "We're comfortably ensconced in an independent/ assisted living complex. We'd love it if anyone going through Rutland would stop by or give us a ring (802-773-1620) and we will meet you. * The classmates of **Louise Hoyt Short** extend their sympathy to her family. Louise died on July 2. * On September 27, I had a very interesting conversation with **Arne Bulkeley Beltz** in Anchorage, Alaska. Always a very cheerful person, Arne has had to cope with many challenges. Her husband died 40 years ago, and she raised her four children alone. One of her sons died eight years ago, and a daughter died last January. Arne is raising her grandson (age 10), with the assistance of another daughter and her husband, who live with her. As soon as our phone conversation began, Arne said "Well today is a perfectly gorgeous day." She told me about a writing group she belongs to that has been meeting regularly for 18 years, with time out only during summer and Christmas holidays. She is also active in her church. The day we talked, she was going to a concert in the evening with friends. * Word has been received from the College that groundskeepers recently discovered that our class tree had contracted Dutch elm disease. Since Dutch elm disease can readily to be passed along to other healthy elm trees, the tree had to be taken down. A large sugar maple will be planted in its stead this spring, in a location slightly north of the original tree. I'm sure we will all enjoy visiting our "new" tree on our next visit to campus.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

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Norman and **Irene Fernandez Anderson** are back on the golf course, following his successful hip surgery. All their children and grandchildren visited them last summer and enjoyed the beach on those hot days. Plans for the celebration of their 50th anniversary include renting a huge house on the Outer Banks for the entire family, with room for the teenagers to bring a friend. Congratulations to you both. * **Evelyn Wheeler Stagg** continues to like the easy living in Florida. Her daughter visited her for her birthday on September 30, making it an especially happy occasion. * **Edward Grosenbeck** is on the golf course every morning and playing on his keyboard in the afternoon. He feels that every nuance of the piano and organ can be replicated on the keyboard. He enjoys going to Pennsylvania to attend keyboard concerts and workshops that attract people from all over the country. Ed's wife, Fran, participates with Ed in all these activities. Fran's brother, **Ken "Porky" Kinsey**, and wife Dorie Keffer Kinsey '40 are moving from North Carolina back to the west coast of Florida. We hope to have that address in the next issue. * We regret to report the death of **Frederic Wheeler** on September 3. The entire class extends sympathy to his family.... **Ruth Coleman Skinner** has visited **Dorothy Korb Carter** in her new condo in Newport, Vt. Dot is very happy there and has found a foursome for bridge. She also belongs to two other bridge groups. * **Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** traveled to Stockholm, Sweden, in July to meet relatives recently discovered through genealogy. They were entertained royally. Thor said that it was "the most rewarding thing he had every done." * **Frances Barrett Johnson** is thankful for the many things she can still do, such as maintain her home, drive her car, see daughter Signe once a week, fly to Michigan to visit son Eric, and participate in church and book group. "Always," she writes, "I am thankful for my memories of Middlebury." * **Virginia Orde Church** still enjoys living in their beautiful rural setting in Enfield, N.H., although her activities have been curtailed by macular degeneration. She and husband Vail have joined others in their area to protect 500 acres of land from development. Congratulations for your wonderful example of responsible ownership. * **Betty Anne Dunning Jones** has given up tennis because of a broken bone in her foot. She continues her investment club and church activities. One grandson graduated in June from Washington Univ. in St. Louis; another is in law school at Denver Univ. Her granddaughter is a nurse in northern Florida. Betty's husband, Frank, has been ill, but is recovering slowly. Remember the lecture he gave on fractals at our 50th? Every time I run across mention of fractals, I think of him. Best wishes for a full recovery, Frank. * **Jeanette Olson Gould**'s daughter will drive her, **Pat Brewer Chadwick**, **Frances Barrett Johnson**, and **Bettie Letson** to our 65th Reunion. Pat was happy to have her son from Vail, Colo., visit her during the summer. Her granddaughter, Heather, is training to be a physical therapist at a clinic in Barre, Vt. (where treatment is probably given to many aching backs that have lifted too many 50-pound Cabot cheese boxes). Fran had a family summer. Her son, his wife, two sons, a

dog, and a cat spent their vacation with her. Now that fall is here, the "house seems empty." Bettie is recovering from a cataract operation and walking is still difficult for her, but she is game to go to reunion. ✷ **Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey** continues to be involved in her business, as well as genealogy, DAR, and publishing a history pamphlet. Joyce and **Bertha Waite Markland** are planning to drive together to our 65th Reunion. We look forward to seeing them and many more of you, June 4-6, in Middlebury!

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A newsy letter arrived from **Martha Taylor Elliott**: "I've decided that it's too soon after the excitement and joy of my big 80th birthday party in 1998 to have another one for my 85th this October. I have decided to hold out for my 90th. Call me a gambler! I'm serious now about losing some pounds, and that's a good start. Ten days in Maine in July at Jennie and **Loring Pratt**'s house was a pure pleasure. When I visit them, Jennie always serves lobster for one dinner. I have to learn how to attack the beast all over again each time—no practice in between! It is my opinion, after my own struggles, that lobster should NEVER be eaten in public, unless someone out of sight has gotten out all the meat. One of the highlights of the stay was a visit to Inger and **Ed Morse** in their waterfront home in Owl's Head. They were with us at our last October class reunion, too. Middlebury sure grows some neat people! Loring is a dedicated, artistic and, may I say, virtuoso photographer. One of the photos he took that afternoon, of the sunlight striking a little table with bright colored flowers, bowls, and other ordinary objects, won second prize at a big fair. I'd tell you the name of it, but my #&★+> computer deleted his letter, to which I was replying, and I've lost it. Much as I like the advantages of computer service, it can be extremely frustrating at times. The fact that the problem lies in my own inexpertise doesn't help my peace of mind at all. I know many of you are already great-grandparents, some of you several times over, but you'll forgive my exclamations of delight over my first, won't you? Didn't you find it exciting, too? My daughter is a besotted grandmother! That's the eldest, Evelyn, whom I am visiting next week. I'll be there to see little Alexa Mary Babcock baptized. A special note for **Bob** and **Lois Whittier Pickard**: I am now the happy owner of a pair of Phonak hearing aids. They do seem to work more satisfactorily than my old ones did, and they don't squeal! My living arrangements continue to be a joy. My elder son and I built a house together on the site of his old one, which was ready to be torn down. I'm upstairs in a beautifully 'seniorized' apartment, complete with outdoor lift to porch level and indoor elevator. He and his wife are always ready to help, if need be, and I in return can baby-sit, cook an occasional dinner, etc. We are entirely compatible and I feel delightfully pampered. It was planned to be for Leete '38, too, but he didn't live to move in. I do hope to see many of you at our 65th Reunion in 2005. That of course means that I hope I myself will be there! Wish us all health and strength. Seeing you is well worth the effort! Best wishes to all of you." ✷ **Hazel Phelps Stannard** is still giving piano lessons to 15 students. She writes that she spends "a lot of time going to the football, baseball, and basketball games of my grandchildren." ✷ Please send more news for our next column.

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Secretary Jones reports: With this issue, we are happy to welcome **Roger Griffith** to our column. His input will be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Roger. ✷ **Edith Ladd Evans** spent a great week in Maine and another pleasant week visiting her daughter (and her great-grandson) in Culpepper, Va. In October she was visiting another daughter and family in North Carolina. Laddie keeps in touch with **Alice Noppel Knight** who travels to North Carolina and Maine. Alice enjoys living in Sun City Center, Fla., not far from her grandchildren. She also sees **Shirley Metcalfe Handforth.** They are in touch with **Hope Smith Marshburn** in Illinois, where her children and grandchildren live. ✷ Michael and Becky (**Mildred Becker Elefante**) are happy at the Collington Episcopal Life Care Center in Maryland. They have both had surgery recently and appreciate having their RN daughter nearby. They get out to church and attend a weekly Bible class. ✷ Connie (**Constance Girard Brown**) continues to have trouble with her eyes and had to give up her local history research. Since her family lives in Virginia, she will probably move down there soon. ✷ Jamen (**Frances Jane Hayden Trask**) had a wonderful week in July visiting Grimmy (**Edith Grimm Miller**) in New Hampshire. She also spent a delightful week with her younger sister, Barbara, and her husband. Jamen was heading back to Georgia in mid-October. ✷ Roth (**Helen Rothery Higbee**) has been having a long siege with cancer, radiation, and chemo. However, she feels fortunate to be able to remain at home with her two adult children. She anticipated a respite from the chemo and a chance to get out with friends. ✷ **Elsa Norgaard Cullen** writes: "We have an attractive campus here at Seabury and memories of Midd come to mind as I go for my 'constitutional.'" Friendly people, good lectures, musical programs, etc., "tend to enhance the comparison." ✷ **Jean Connor** flew to Seattle to visit friends before attending poetry meetings in Portland, Ore. While sightseeing on August 4, she fell and broke her hip. After a week in the hospital and two weeks in rehab, she was able to fly home, with the assistance of her physical therapist nephew-in-law. ✷ As chairman of the residents' decorating committee at Wake Robin, **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** keeps busy arranging exhibits. In spite of Hurricane Isabel, she and her daughter and husband got down to Connecticut to celebrate her great-grandson's first birthday. ✷ **Betty Wolfington Ovens** is happy and relieved to have sold her former home. Now she and her husband can look forward to visiting with their children and grands. ✷ Packy (**Ruth Packard Jones**) had a delightful week of "reuning" at Cape Cod this summer. On August 14 she had her long-delayed hip replacement, with excellent results. She now joins Jean (who lives across the hall), getting about the campus with walkers. Packy anticipated a grandson's October wedding in Bar Harbor, Maine. ✷ In spite of health problems, Jack Burbank had his usual garden with more produce than Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) wanted to freeze. But what else do you do with it? So I'm sure they're enjoying it this winter. ✷ Our class was represented at the annual Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September by Westie and **Ruth Scheidecker**, who proudly accepted the trophy awarded to the non-reunion class with the highest participation in giving. Congratulations to us all! ✷ We remind you of our Class of 1941 Memorial Fund, contributions to which are credited to annual giving and make an appropriate way to remember a classmate. A donation sent to the College and designated for Class of '41 Memorial Fund is an easy way to handle it. ✷ Secretary Griffiths reports: To produce copy for this column, letters were recently mailed to 12 of the men in our class. One was answered quickly from Granville, N.Y., the home of **Bill Hallock**. But it wasn't from Bill, we found out when we opened it. It was from his son, Bill Jr. '86, who wrote: "Dad passed away on August 19, 2003. He was very fond of Middlebury." A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✷ Joe (**Sumner J. House**) handled the men's side of our class column for many years, producing quality that won't be equaled. When he was told recently that people were asking about him, he told us, with a smile and his usual warm voice: "Tell all my friends that I'm still a Vermonter." Joe has decided to move to a retirement community in the spring. ✷ **Charles** and **Doris Wolff Bartlett** are living in Penney Farms Retirement Community, a full-service retirement community with assisted living and nursing care. Their daughter Judith and two granddaughters moved into their lake-front home last year, but Charles still drives the 35 miles to go there and do some of the yard work. They traveled to Columbia, S.C., for daughter Connie's 60th birthday celebration in January. In May they visited relatives in Chicago and attended grandson Jon Rayfield's graduation from Washington Univ. in St. Louis. Back home, granddaughter Kestrel's high school graduation was followed by 10 days with three daughters in the mountains of N.C. ✷ **Jack Beckwith** had to give up golf two years ago due to macular degeneration, according to Edith Lee Beckwith '44, Jack's talented report-writer and spouse of 61 years. Since Jack's 1979 retirement from Beckwith Motors, they split the year between Florida (where they have a daughter with children) and Vermont (where they have a son). ✷ Since **William J. Bursaw** sold the family business four years ago, he and Pat Noe Bursaw '44 have been enjoying summers in Portsmouth, N.H., and winters in Naples, Fla. "Between times we are in residence at Edgewood, a retirement community in North Andover, Mass., where we are neighbors of B. Grim (**Barbara Grow Grim**) and husband Bill, and within 45 minutes of five of our seven children. We sold our old farm in East Randolph, Vt., last winter and miss the convenience of a way stop to Middlebury. **Jack Hicks** visited us in June and we saw **Bud Berry** and **Fred Butler**. ✷ Class valedictorian **Alan Howes** retired in May 2002 from the Univ. of Michigan faculty, but he continues to work with small groups of independent study students under Michigan's Undergraduate Research Opportunity program. For four years he has been working on a project on the worldwide reception and interpretation of the films of Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa. He also does spring guest shots in the New England Literature Program, a program he helped to found. Daughter Marjorie teaches English and Irish studies at Boston College; son Tim is in the computer business in California. ✷ What experiences have you had in the retirement process that you could pass along to the younger generation? Please send a few paragraphs to Roger at his address below. Altogether, they should make a very helpful article.

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A note from **Bob Bredenberg** brought us news from Green Valley, Ariz., a long way from Champlain, N.Y. They had spent two months getting away from the extreme summer heat of Arizona. Their summer travels took them to Minnesota, Colorado, Wyoming, and Oregon. He says that he has recovered from cataract and retina surgery. Commenting on last year's class notes about his fraternity brother, **Dave Burt**, Bob reported that he had coincidentally called Dave in July from Bend, Ore. ✷ **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** and her husband recently returned from another barge trip on the Ohio and Kanawa Rivers. Tillie also reported that **Dottie Milligan Schuck** suffered a stroke in December 2002 and is living in the nursing facility of her retirement village. The friend who reads her mail to her reports that Dottie would love to hear from classmates. Write to Dottie at 2125 N. Olive, Turlock CA 95382. ✷ Harriet also reported the death of **Hope Rood Redway** on July 18. As reported in the fall class notes, Hope suffered a heart attack in December 2002, but had been recovering well. Our sympathy is extended to her children, one of whom, son Bill, graduated from Middlebury at the time of our 30th Reunion in 1972. Her husband, John Redway, died in 1989. ✷ We also regret to report the death of **Roderick M. Brush** on July 6. A memorial appears in the fall issue. News has also been received of the death of **Dorothy Watson Kitchell** on October 15 and of **Alice Voorhees Adams** on October 25. The condolences of the class are extended to all of their families. ✷ A post card arrived from New Hampshire, where **Nancy Hall Whitehouse** and **Myrtle Bestick Silvester** were house- and pet-sitting for Nancy's daughter. ✷ **Ethel Stark Randall** reports a new address: Presbyterian Home, Box 1144, 4290 Middle Settlement Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413. ✷ **Nancy Rindfusz Bates** and **Jack** keep us posted on their life. She sounds good on the phone, but says they miss the contacts of many years of service to Middlebury. They send greetings to all. ✷ As we write these notes in mid-September (with the temperature on our back porch pushing 80 degrees), we have just returned from the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf, where class secretaries, class agents, and reunion committees get brought up to date on the state of the College and how to do their jobs. Work, but fun in a beautiful setting at the most beautiful time of the year.

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Secretary Silliman reports: Summer still reigned at Bread Loaf when the Alumni Leadership Conference convened there in mid-September. **Skip Wilkin Dimond, Ginny Clemens Lowman, Dumont Rush**, and your class secretaries joined some 200 other alumni, hearing presentations on the state of the College and the vision for its future. I am delighted that the appearance of the Bread Loaf complex remains constant. It looks exactly as I remember it from my first visit there in 1939. ✷ **Carolyn "Cressey" Stanwood Whiting** is "deeply involved with children and grandchildren, church and community. Of course I miss Web greatly, but our family continues to treasure summer at our little red cottage in Maine, where Web taught them all to sail, water ski, and to know and love the summer skies." ✷ **Beth Warner Carney** recently returned from what she calls her "last voyage to France." She reports that Santa Cruz is an activist town and that she's in the thick of it: "tabling" downtown with petitions and anti-war activity, placing lawn signs, and joining others at the town's busiest intersection, waving banners and signs at closing time on Fridays. Her French is kept alive by weekly translation sessions with a genealogy friend. ✷ **Janet Hooker Laine** conducts a weekly used book sale at the Orleans (Mass.) Library. "The most important thing I learned at Middlebury," she reports, "is that life is a self-help project. My kids and grandkids are all great. At age 81, I never have had to ask them for ANYTHING! I am a lucky woman." ✷ At reunion time last summer, **Jean Jordan Sheild** wrote that she and John were happily settled in Madison, Wis. They have season tickets for the UW basketball games as well as for the Wisconsin Symphony. She volunteers at the Olbrich Botanical Society and in a third-grade class, helping with reading and writing. She also attends a weekly aerobics class and bikes and skis when weather permits. ✷ Who reports on the private life of a class secretary? Why, the other class secretary, of course! **John Gale** keeps more than busy. He continues as medical director of a nursing home in Rockport, and he is the district medical examiner for the First Essex District of Massachusetts. In his weekly session of the Mass. Professional Review Organization, he reviews hospital records for quality of care and proper utilization of hospital beds. "Plus there's homework, which actually takes up most of my time, in that I function as caregiver (for **Fritz Head Gale**), cook, bread baker, shopper, bookkeeper, gardener, and maintenance man, aided by a couple of wonderfully capable helpers two days each week." ✷ When we were on Cape Cod in September, Cutler and I (KSS) had dinner with **Warren Hassmer**. He was sporting a tan to rival that of a lifeguard, acquired by tending to his extensive gardens in Truro. He still makes the long trek to Boston eight times a season for Boston Symphony concerts. Hale and hearty are apt adjectives for "Hash," as **Jim Clark** calls him. ✷ Sadly, we must report the deaths of three class members. Their memorials appeared in the fall issue. ✷ **Beatrice Barrett** died in Brewster, Mass., on May 7. Bea and I (KSS) both lived in Wilcox house (a cooperative house) for two years, so we shared many memories and meals. ✷ **Dorothy Forsythe Dale**, poet laureate of our class, died on July 24., In her poems, Dottie shared her beliefs, her keen eye, and her love for God's world. Although handicapped for the last 30 years, she still participated as fully as she could. In one of her last poems, "My Balance Sheet," she writes: "For me the sun came up/ Near 30,000 times— My world a blend of constant love,/ few passing shadows./ While birds trilled praises overhead,/ the trail through sheltering pines was edged by flowers./ These entries show but 20 aches and pains/ and 20 million blessings./ To tally up these years fourscore, no reckoner could wish for more." A letter of condolence has been sent to Dottie's husband, Jack, and his family. ✷ **Denise Aubuchon Ouelette** died on July 28 in Shrewsbury, Mass. The essence of Denise's exuberant presence at Middlebury was well captured in **Ginny Carpenter Halstead**'s recollection of "Denise Aubuchon throwing open the windows of Pearsons and shouting, 'Hello, outdoors, I'll be right down.'" We have written a letter of condolence to Philippe and their seven children. ✷ Secretary Gale reports: Lee Van Leuven Morehouse '45 writes that **Dick** had a stroke (thought to be due to a small embolus from his recent heart valve surgery) in August, with temporary loss of speech. As is often the case with this type of stroke, he improved rapidly and about a month later, on the phone, he conversed readily with only occasional slight hesitancy of speech. Fortunately his drawing ability was not affected and he continues some architectural work; Dick said he told the doctors that he could get along without speaking but not without drawing. He and Lee were planning to spend the winter on Vinal Haven instead of in Lexington. ✷ **Bob** and **Ann Cole Byington** are enjoying the Village at Duxbury retirement home, where Bob has been elected to the board of directors. He plays golf three times a week and swims almost daily. Ann is busy knitting garments for infants in the local hospital. ✷ We usually call **Fred Booth** after each hurricane. For once he reported that Isabel hit his area with a vengeance, resulting in the worst damage in his memory. Living on the Pamlico Sound side of the North Carolina Outer Banks, Fred and Faith escaped damage to their house but described much destruction on the ocean side. They left the day before Isabel hit and stayed with their daughter in law in Norfolk, Va., returning to Duck three days later. ✷ **Al** and **Lonny Herron Hadley** say they're still surviving in Hilton Head, S.C., and were not affected by hurricane Isabel. They say they get out for errands but not much else. ✷ **Stu Walker** was off in July for six weeks in Europe, including participation in four sailing regattas. ✷ **William Hawkes** reports "excellent health, except for my left elbow, which was splattered into cornflakes when a 16-year-old on a bicycle went through a stop sign, hit my bike, and sent me flying. I have about 30 percent use of my left arm." ✷ **Vance Richardson** has been a patient in the Maine Veterans' Home (290 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074) for several months for management of his Alzheimer's disease. This being close to Portland, Jan visits almost daily and tells us that cards or notes from old friends do evoke at least transient recognition. In September, Jan was busy collecting money for the Alzheimer's Memory Walk for the "Vance's Prancers" team. ✷ As of late September, **Ted Peach**'s wife, Nancy, was back to walking three miles a day, using the trampoline, and skipping rope, after cancer surgery and severe side effects from chemotherapy during the summer. Nancy appreciated all the good will messages from Middlebury people. Ted is ordering crushed stone in 24-ton lots for their two-mile-long driveway , in order to move in his new pickup truck. ✷ **George Nitchie** and Laura have been busy with two gardens, one at home in Weymouth, Mass., and the other at their summer place in Tunbridge, Vt. When contacted in late September, they had just returned home after digging their Vermont onions and potatoes, and figured they were well stocked for the winter. He was pleased to report that Laura's condition was currently stable. ✷ **Pat Rogers Prukop** underwent successful coronary artery bypass surgery in August. ✷ On September 15, **Ralph Crawshaw** gave a lecture on bioethics at Alfred Univ. in Alfred, N.Y. Entitled "The Limits of Compassion," his address extended the concept of compassion developed in his recent book, *Compassion's Way*. ✷ The construction of a new library at the College and the landscaping around the site have necessitated the moving of a few trees, including our own 1943 class tree. In the fall, our maple was carefully transplanted to a new spot near

the northwest corner of Painter Hall, where it will continue to flourish for coming generations.
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While it may be hard to believe, we will be celebrating our 60th Reunion this spring! The dates are June 4-6. Since the reunion committee is hoping that a large percentage of the class will return, attendance is being stressed as a major goal. Each member of the class will be personally contacted and urged to participate in the big event. ✳ **Betty Mercer McChrystal** had another family reunion, starting and ending at their daughter's home outside Boston. In between they spent several days at Center Harbor on Lake Winnipesaukee, where the grandchildren rented a boat and water skied and fished. Then she and Bill drove south, stopping overnight with **Jane Landis**, then on to spend a few days with **Jeanne Chatfield Addison**. While there, they discovered that Betty's cousin and his wife live directly below the Addisons. After stopping in Mystic, Conn., they flew back to California from Providence. She said they are looking forward to coming to our reunion. ✳ On a sad note, we regret to report the death of **Seymour Harris** on June 15, and of **Ado Tomat** on April 27. Memorials appeared in the fall issue. ✳ **Bill Neale** sends their new address: 9000 E. San Victor Dr., Villa 170, Scottsdale, AZ. 85258. ✳ **Mabel Buttolph** called during the summer to assure us that she is always interested in news of the class. She said talking is easier than writing. She reported, among other things, that she had attended a family reunion in Brandon earlier in the season. ✳ Your class secretaries are always glad to receive news from as many of you as possible. We hope to see you in person on June 4.
—Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham) (nmatkins@prodigy.net), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

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Ann Robinson Walker reports: As you can see when you read the class secretaries listed below our notes, I have enthusiastically accepted the responsibility of this job, filling out **Charlotte Hickcox**'s tenure. Before I urge you to drop Alan or me your timely news, I want to thank Charlotte, for *all* of us, for the wonderful job she has done these many years. We are most appreciative. Now please write to Alan and me! It's fun to use the e-mail or to exercise those writing skills and fill in some of those blanks. ✳ On a personal note, **Mary Elizabeth Wisotzkey McClellan** and I, with my daughter Lynne, had a lovely, sunny, and delicious luncheon at Pickity Place in Mason, N.H. Mew shared news of **Paula Knight Jeffries**, who has been accepted at Rivermead, a retirement community in New Hampshire. ✳ We all want to send deepest sympathy to **Nancy Duffie Shuster** and her family at the loss of her husband of 54 years, William W. Shuster. ✳ **Priscilla Hodges Heald** writes: "In late April, my trip to California with Janet Greenlees proved to be a snowy one. We had snow in Yosemite National Park and 10 inches of the white stuff in Sequoia N.P. It was a challenge driving without chains, then later *with* chains. Several days at Big Sur on the West Coast was sunny and warm. We did a fair amount of hiking each day and enjoyed it all." ✳ **Alan** and **Joanne Higgins Wolfley** spent a delightful long weekend in and around Midd in early September '03, attending the 24th annual alumni golf tournament, named for Gordie Perine '49. Alan reports the campus is buzzing again with on-going construction: a new library occupying all of what used to be Storrs Avenue and at least half of the hill down from Warner Science and Painter Hall; a new dorm quite close to The Chat; and a large plastic half-balloon covering what used to be Fletcher Field House. Their granddaughter, Lisa Baumgartner, spent her junior year abroad and is now a "senior Feb," graduating in '05. On the way home they lunched in Albany with Helen and **Mike Mann**. Al first met Mike 62 years previously—in September 1941—on the front porch of old Hillcrest Hall, which for some unknown reason still stands! ✳ **Marian Bailey Allen** and husband Bob have joined the exodus and are now new residents of a retirement complex. Their move was a short one; they remain in Delray Beach, Fla. (New address: 1115 S.W. 22nd Ave., Apt. 228, Delray Beach, FL 33446.)
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Jimmie Smith Murphy reports that she and husband Larry are enjoying retirement at the Bartlett Woods Community in Rockland, Maine, about 20 miles from their former home in rural Waldoboro. "We keep well so far, arthritis being the main problem for us both. We still do a lot of canoeing (12 day trips in midsummer), but no more camping or whitewater! Daughter Pam, after 16 years of marriage plus two lovely girls, Leslie (13) and Elise (8), is enduring a divorce. Son Marshall and wife, who live in Memphis where he is with International Paper, have bought a cottage on the water in Cushing, half an hour from us, and spent several weeks this summer renovating it. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing more of their children, Emma (10) and Elliott (8)." ✳ **Bette Royce** has been gallivanting to the Yucatan Peninsula in February, to San Antonio in April, Santa Fe in August, and Vancouver, British Columbia, in September. She was planning an October trip to the Massachusetts Berkshires. ✳ **John Perry** and Jane enjoyed a cruise-tour of the Yukon and Alaska this summer. Late summer was spent at their cottage in Maine. They expected to return to Jekyll Island in Georgia during the heart of winter. ✳ We have received word that **Mary Stuart Nixon** has moved from Port Washington, N.Y., to Mattituck, N.Y. ✳ **Sheila Schmidt Rowland** is enjoying her new north country home in Plattsburgh, N.Y. She and **Joan Campbell Shaw** continue their long friendship. Sheila and Bill and Cam and Doug met in North Carolina in April, and in Manchester, Vt., this summer. They planned another reunion in Lake Placid, N.Y., in October. ✳ **Louise Heald Aines** e-mails that she continues her interest in music and in singing in particular. She was planning a two-week trip to Brazil at the end of September. ✳ **Ruth "Smiley" Riley Wendell** enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to Newfoundland and Labrador this summer. She's planning another Elderhostel trip, perhaps to Iceland next year. She sees **Joyce Hitchcock Hardy** on occasion. ✳ **Janet Kasper Taylor** was planning with great anticipation a trip to Vermont with her two daughters in October. She admits that, while Texas is okay, she does miss the Northeast. ✳ **Doris Smith Earnshaw** continues her busy schedule. In November she was to be the after-dinner speaker at a meeting of the World Affairs Council. She said the new International Criminal Court was "an easy topic to speak on, since most Americans know nothing about it." ✳ **Lois Brigham Selnau** writes about her family reunion last August in Vermont. There were 33 attendees coming from Texas, Oregon, Colorado, New Mexico, and British Columbia. A grandson even traveled to the reunion from Cairo, Egypt. A fun time. ✳ **Bill** and **Jan Shaw Percival** spent a month in eastern Europe this summer. They visited Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague, Budapest, and Vienna—all cities they had read about for years, but had never visited. The food was outstanding, the government buildings and cathedrals were gigantic, the euro monetary system was great, while the showers left a lot to be desired. In September they attended Midd's Alumni Leadership Conference, held at the Bread Loaf campus. At the conference they were given instructions as to how to be class secretaries. If the lessons didn't take, it is the fault of the pupils, not the instructors. They had an opportunity to tour the new library presently under construction, a magnificent structure indeed. The thought that went into planning this facility is astounding. Later on they enjoyed a nice luncheon with **Connie Smith Carpenter** and John at their fishing lodge near Stowe. ✳ We regret to report the death of **Robert Rowley** on August 14. The condolences of the class are extended to all of his family, especially his sister, **Katherine Rowley Tuttle**.
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In Maine, **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** goes back and forth between Sebago Lake and Portland, seeing lots of family and friends. In the spring, Jo enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to Padua, Venice, and Rome, reveling in architecture and art of the Byzantine and pre-Renaissance period. Having loved Giotto's work for years, she especially appreciated the Arena Chapel with Giotto's frescoes on the life of Christ. She had one word for Venice: WOW! Her traveling partner was Jeanne Badeau Barnett '52, who has been a good friend for years. August plans included a trip to Colorado and New Mexico to visit two daughters and see old friends from New Hampshire. When not traveling, Jo still loves being in Portland, where she can swim, walk, do yoga, and rent wonderful foreign films from an independent video store. She also likes babysitting a little granddaughter in nearby Scarborough. ✳ The group of Vermont and New Hampshire classmates had a small gathering on September 18 in Barre. Attending were **Lynn Bruhn, Jean Davis Battey, Mollie Stevens Chesbrough, Peg Armstrong Igleheart**, and **Mickey Pitz Hunt**. **Alice Neef Perine** could not make it because of an imminent trip to Ireland. ✳ Due to the construction of the new College library, several landscaping alterations had to be made, including the relocation of our class tree. Our maple has been carefully transplanted to a place midway between Starr Hall and Old Chapel, where it will continue to thrive. ✳ **Anne Macomber Wood** sends news of the death of Robert "Buzz" Brainard, the widower of Anne's late roommate, **Rosemary Roddy Brainard**. Buzz was made an honorary member of the Class of 1947. The sympathy of the class goes to the Brainard family. Anne lives in Framingham, Mass., and would love to hear from classmates. Your class

secretary has her address, as well as all current addresses of classmates, so check with Jinny James if you want to reach a classmate. ✳ Please share news so that you and your classmates can know of one another's lives.
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With this column, we welcome class secretaries **Elizabeth Bredenberg Ness** and **Bartley Nourse**. Their first and most important comment is to express the gratitude of the entire class for the good work done by their predecessors, **Dan** and **Joan Tyler Gilbert**. Their second desire is that each of you send news to their addresses, printed below. Since their term of office has begun after the printing of the fall column, they have missed the opportunity to request holiday cards (this column will be delivered in January). Nevertheless, please take the initiative to send a card or an e-mail to let them know of your winter activities and your plans for the coming spring. ✳ The condolences of the class are extended to **Sally Finley Burton** on the death of her husband, Robert, in August. ✳ A note from **Tom Johnson** informs us that he got in on a little of our 55th Reunion, thanks to **Ev** and **Sally Peck Littlefield**, who picked him up at the Ticonderoga Amtrak station late Saturday afternoon. Tom was returning from Wayne, Pa., after acting as *au pair* for his grandson, whose mother (Tom's daughter) had a liver transplant in Pittsburgh. She was doing well at last word. ✳ **Marilyn Drake White** reports that her husband directs an adult handbell group at the First Congregational Church in Winchester, Mass. "We attend handbell workshops and sing in the choir. Bob retired as choir director recently, but we enjoy singing with the new choir director. We are in exercise classes three times a week, and care for children of working parents. We are energetic and healthy." ✳ **Mary Forbes Hanna** writes: "We took an exciting trip to the Northwest this fall—Vancouver, Victoria, Jasper, Lake Louise, and Banff. Beautiful scenery and sunny weather. Also a mini trip to visit children and grands in Cincinnati and Indianapolis." ✳ Congratulations to **Louise Planck Terry**, recipient of the 2003 Friend of German Award from the American Assoc. of Teachers of German. This prestigious award is given in recognition of exemplary leadership in the advocacy of German language education and for outstanding support and promotion of German and the study of German at the local, regional, and national levels. The awards luncheon took place on November 22 in Philadelphia.
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A dinner in honor of **Ferdinand Vetare** on May 13 proclaimed him the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. Ferd and wife Lois Tyson Vetare '52 moved to Mount Kisco in 1954, when Ferd started teaching English at Valhalla High School. After serving on the village board from 1968 to 1974, he was elected mayor for two terms. The service organizations in which he has held positions of leadership include Lions Club, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and the Byram Lake Committee. The Italian American Club of northern Westchester named him the 1997 man of the year and he got the Harold J. Marshall award for his service to the United Way. Ferd doesn't see much distinction between local politics and the service groups he belongs to because "it's about service—all these groups, in one way or another, about helping people." ✳ **Frank Colcord** has retired from his teaching position at Tufts Univ. "I'm now a member of the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement, a program in which I teach courses and take courses and thus keep my brain working. I have very happy memories of my years at Middlebury and thoroughly enjoyed the 50th Anniversary." ✳ Retired after 30 years at Brooklyn College, **William Hussey** and wife Anita enjoyed a September trip to England. "This rest was needed after another summer full of company on Cape Cod, including our grandchildren, the children of both son Kendall '89 and daughter Tara '91. Tara just got her Ph.D. in microbiology from the Univ. of Minn. In October, I got together with **Steve Turner** who was in New York on a writing assignment. We had not seen each other since graduation. Had a great time catching up after 44 years." ✳ **Don Grose** reports: "Nothing new. Health is pretty good. No traveling." ✳ **Bud Gubitz** keeps busy fishing in Cape Cod Bay for bluefish and striped bass. His granddaughter has been studying in Ireland. ✳ **Phil Hull** sent some information that was never received, so he is resending for next issue. ✳ We regret to report the death of **Donald Craig** on August 8. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✳ During a one-day residency on campus on October 12, sponsored by the College's Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, **Felix Rohatyn** met with students, faculty, and other guests for a luncheon discussion about international affairs. The discussion focused on the relationship between the United States and Europe and included consideration of the future of the European Union.
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Sally Baldwin Utiger '52 is the first New Englander to be named the nation's outstanding grassroots tennis umpire.

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Secretary Burdett reports: We are sad to report the deaths of **Richard Champlin** on August 14, and of **Barbara Ferris Smith** on August 1, and we offer our sympathy to their families. Richard had retired as librarian of the Redwood Library in Newport, R.I., published two books, and authored more than 70 articles on historical and natural subjects. I (Peg) can still hear Barbara exhorting us women of '50 to do our best as she directed us in the annual step sings, playing the organ at our wedding when she worked at the church in West Hartford, Conn., with my father, and filling Mead Chapel with the magnificent strains of Franck's *Pièce Héroique* at our 50th class reunion. And, when I learned that she had once directed a 60-voice choir and a 20-piece orchestra without music *because she had forgotten her glasses*, I marveled. ✳ Our condolences are extended to **Virginia Orrall Albert**, on the loss of her husband, Dean. She writes: "Dean finally passed on in June, after four and a half years of unhappy illness. We had a funeral celebration at Aquia Episcopal Church, with four out of five granddaughters in attendance. One had to stay in California to produce my first great-granddaughter." ✳ In other news, I offer congratulations to **Scotty Paterson**, whom the Coral Springs Kiwanis Club has named Kiwanian of the Year. ✳ **Bud Mulroy** writes, "I have finally retired after 48 years of teaching. I was flunking too many students, and one does not do that on the college level. We World War II vets were the first ones to go to college in large numbers, and we wanted our kids to have the same benefits. Today there are more women in college than men!" ✳ **Rufus Cushman**, who received the Neuberger Award at our reunion, has interviewed many candidates for admission to Middlebury, as a member of the Western Massachusetts Alumni Admissions Committee. He feels that individual interviews are still important, despite the fact that some colleges no longer ask for them. He sees the advantages as a win-win-win proposition for the student, for the College, and for the alum. The win for the student is hearing the personal excitement of the interviewer, as well as having the opportunity to be differentiated from all the other excellent candidates who want to go to Middlebury. The College wins because the interview gives the Admissions Committee one more perspective on each student. Sometimes the extra information can lead to a "YES," but it can also be a cause for saying "NO" when the applicant and the college are clearly not a good match. Sometimes, too, the interviewer's enthusiasm for his alma mater will help the College win a promising applicant. And finally, the alum wins because interviewing keeps him in touch with what goes on in college today and enables him to help students make well-reasoned choices. In his spare time, Rufus helps several seniors with their financial affairs, works on planned giving for the United Church of Christ, sings in the Springfield (Mass.) Symphony Chorus and church choir, and shares with **Kathy Pell Meeker** the planned giving efforts for our class. ✳ News from **Bobbie McLaren Boucher**: "My life has been very busy on different fronts for these past 13 years. I went back to school, got an M.A. in counseling psychology, and opened a private practice which I have had for 12 years. I have continued to judge figure skating at all levels, and continued to play a lot of tennis—competitive and recreational. I feel blessed with good health through all these years! Two of my kids live in Denver now, with six children between them. Libby lives in Madison, Conn., with her husband and three children. I love having nine great-grandkids to dote on and enjoy!"
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Gretchen Storer Evans continues her busy life in Denver. She teaches in her ballet school and sells the ballet skirts she designs. Never losing her enthusiasm for skiing, she still enjoys skiing with friends from high school days. Her favorite getaway is to her home on St. George Island, off the panhandle coast of Florida. One third of the island is a protected

natural area, a perfect place to relax and enjoy watching sunrises and sunsets. ✷ **Jane Walker Nutting** loves living on the coast of Maine. After moving 22 times with husband Wally and their children during military days, she hopes this home is permanent. They are active in the town of Biddeford Pool, especially in the rebuilding of their church, which unfortunately burned down. Jane is also a trustee of the town academy. They are happy to have two daughters living nearby. Their third daughter is married to an Army colonel; their son is an orthopedic surgeon in New Hampshire. The oldest of their nine grandchildren, Trent Nutting '02, is teaching at Choate School. ✷ From her home in London, **Betty Nelson** is happy to report two recent events: she received an honorary doctorate from the Open University and a honorary fellowship from the University of Surrey. Betty feels lucky that she is able to continue working full time in education and health areas. ✷ **Joan Allen Armour** sounded upbeat as she described their "fun summer of chaos." She and Norm '53 celebrated their 50th anniversary and Norm retired *again*—"maybe for good this time." They planned to be in Middlebury for the fall golf weekend. ✷ Co-secretary Charlotte reports that co-secretary **Bob DeLaney** and wife Adrienne Littlewood DeLaney '57 spent a couple of great September weeks traveling in France. They had the added advantage of Adrienne being fluent in French. Soon after the return of the DeLaneys, David and **Charlotte Clark Hay** left for a mini-reunion of Dave's Yale class of '51 in Florence, Italy. That was followed by a visit to the hill country they greatly enjoyed years ago on a Middlebury-sponsored trip. ✷ Lest anyone think that the Class of '51 has lost its brainpower, our class had the greatest representation of all classes at this year's Alumni College, held as always at summer's end at the Bread Loaf Mountain campus. Among the attendees were **Don** and **Pat Ray Christiansen**, **Bill** and **Phyllis Cole Deming**, **John** and **Helen Reid Gilmore**, and **Will** and Carolyn Bennett '61 **Jackson**. ✷ This fall, there was a special screening at Middlebury of *Spin*, the feature film based on a novel by **Don Axinn**. We all look forward to seeing the film. ✷ Class representation at this year's Gordie Perine Golf Tournament was a bit sparse. We understand that only **Ed Higgins** was on site to enjoy the weekend of golf. ✷ We are saddened to report the passing of **Virginia Snively-Bader** on June 9 and of **Gordon Ross** on August 18. On behalf of the entire class, we want to express our deepest sympathy to their families, including classmate **Jim Ross.**
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Cynthia Hodgson Barton writes that she hadn't done any competitive swimming since high school, since Midd didn't have a pool during our era. Nevertheless, she entered the U.S. Masters meets and placed third in two backstroke events at the Nationals in Phoenix. She is now listed in the top 10 swimmers, age 70-74. Great going, Cynthia! ✷ **Sally Baldwin Utiger** recently became the first New Englander to receive the Nicholas E. Powel Award as the nation's outstanding grassroots umpire. Sally received the award on September 1 at the U.S. Open. She has been officiating local tennis tournaments and intercollegiate matches for more than 20 years. She has worked countless events as a roving official and referee and has worked the U.S. Open in the past as a line umpire. She also writes "Sally's Alleys," a column in which she answers questions about tennis rules and procedures for the National Senior Women's Tennis Association. Sally has won the Official of the Year award twice, in North Carolina in 1998 and in New England in 2001. It's keeping you in great shape, Sally. ✷ Congratulations to John and **Carol Holmes Phillips**, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends in September. ✷ **Louise Erb Mayr** thoughtfully dropped a postcard as she and husband Otto left for a three-week trip to Germany. They visited Munich and Berlin, where their oldest son translates for Deutsche Welle on the International News Station. She reports that the bees were glad to see the sun; they hated the wet summer that we had. She strongly recommends *The Secret Life of the Honeybee*, by Sue Monk Kidd. (Sue attended the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in 1995.) ✷ **Richard Smith** and wife Bobbie took a barge trip in France last fall: "Spent a few days in Paris on our way to Dijon and then to our barge. Food excellent, scenery fine." ✷ From Maine, **Emmy Webb Rice Leavitt** writes that she enjoyed seeing **Joyce Rohr** and husband Olfert Voss when they were on their way back home to Denmark last spring. Although they had not seen each other in years, Emmy and Joyce picked up right where they left off. Emmy has also seen Holmsie (**Carol Holmes Phillips**) and husband John on their trips to Maine; and Erbie (**Louise Erb Mayr**) and her husband on their trips to visit Erbie's sister in Maine. Emmy also had a great telephone reunion recently with **Mary Brownfield Frye**. ✷ Seen at the Middlebury Alumni Golf weekend in early September, either on the golf course or at social events, were **Joe Davis** and **Ken Nourse**. About 100 alumni and spouses turned up for this great outing. ✷ **Charlie Rielle**, who now lives in Jupiter, Fla., spent two weeks in September with his family at Killington, Vt., renewing acquaintances in Rutland and elsewhere in the state. He also attended a Middlebury football game. ✷ Your secretary, Jeanne, is thrilled to report the arrival in July of my sixth grandson, Justin William Cahill, born to my sixth son, Timothy '91, and wife Kathryn. I also enjoyed the third annual get-together with husband Bill's ('53) classmates Bob '53 and Corinne Morgan Smith '53 and Bill's roommate Peter Marshall '53 and wife Cecily Mattocks Marshall '54. I enjoyed bumping into **Bob Woodbury** and wife Joan at church in Beverly Farms one Sunday. They were spending the last days of summer at their Essex home before returning to Denver. In June 2003, my family and I were happy to rededicate the William J. Cahill Park in Beverly, adjacent to the elementary school my boys attended. Bill had been very active politically in Beverly before his death in 1975. Although the park was named soon after her death, the renovation has made it even more meaningful to us. ✷ Our sympathy goes to **Bill Huey** and his family on the loss of his wife, Ellen, last July. An accomplished artist, Ellen had taught watercolor painting and had shows at the Hilton Head Art League Gallery. ✷ We also regret to report the death of **David Page** on July 2. A memorial appeared in the fall issue.
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In 1981, **Don Peach** traded his job as town manager of Glastonbury, Conn., for the same position in Rangely, Colo., a boom and bust oil town. Don and wife Tineke picked Rangeley after they decided to "do something adventurous." After 21 adventurous years, Don has ended up as Rangely's elder statesman. He has served as town manager, as the development officer for Northwestern Community College, and as the town mayor for three two-year terms. He is credited with saving the town from bankruptcy, building a financial reserve, leading a beautification campaign, and fostering a spirit of communication and cooperation. He even worked out a land swap with the Bureau of Land Management, providing the town with much-needed room for expansion. He's a man who definitely made a difference. ✷ **Link Furber** came across a quote from a private school headmaster: "It seems to me that the best final test of an academic institution is always how the persons whose lives have been touched by its faculty, values, and curriculum move forward to touch the lives of others." Link's conclusions: "I think the achievements of our class, as made clear in our 50th Reunion Yearbook, show Middlebury passes this test with an A+." ✷ We regret to report the death of **Robert Arel** on June 4; of **Donald Faber** on July 2; and of **Nancy Bush Beekman** on August 28. The condolences of the class are extended to their family members. ✷ **Charlie** and **Pat Heap Rockwell** were very enthusiastic about reunion. Pat writes, "We can only say wonderful things about reunion. It was a joyous experience. The motor scooter opened up the campus to Charlie and was a lot of fun. A new experience! Because of the Parkinsons, Charlie is sometimes unable to walk, but our kind, helpful, and strong student was always there to help him."
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Secretary Ryan reports: **Marcia Kraft Goin** is serving a one-year term as president of the 38,000-member American Psychiatric Association. Last year she served as president-elect. When I called her, Marcia said her position entails a lot of travel, both domestic and international. In July, for example, she spoke before the World Health Organization in Cairo. She says she is working hard and enjoying it. Her term ends in May 2004, "just before our reunion," which she plans to attend. The American Psychiatric Association advocates for humane care and effective treatment for all persons with mental disorders and disabilities and for accessible quality psychiatric diagnosis and treatment. As president, Marcia's main goals include helping decrease the stigma associated with mental illnesses, as well as increasing public education and research funding for mental health. She will also call for businesses to include greater mental health benefits in their employees' insurance packages and for the government to improve its mental health services. Marcia is a clinical prof. of psychiatry and behavioral sciences in the Keck School of Medicine of USC. ✷ In August, I enjoyed a three-hour visit in Trinidad, Colo., with **Cinny Feindel Ploski**. We met, for the first time in 50 years, at 9 A.M. in a cafe on Main Street. She was easily recognizable: she hasn't changed. Cinny paints, has authored two books (one describing her bout with cancer), and is very active in civic affairs. In addition, she operates an art gallery on Main

Street, a few doors from the cafe. Trinidad is a very attractive small town with a lot of history (the Ludlow Massacre, Bat Masterson, the Mafia, etc.) tied to it. Beautiful town, delightful visit. ✳ **Bill Wollenberg**, until recently a judge on the State of Connecticut Superior Court, is now, post 70, a judge in the Juvenile Court system. He says it is fascinating and challenging work, particularly as the demographics of Hartford and Connecticut rapidly change. A long time lawyer in the Hartford area, Bill also served in the Legislature before going on the Bench. He said he had seen **Gordy Ulmer** from time to time, when banking issues were hot topics in Hartford. Bill also plans to be in Middlebury for our upcoming reunion. ✳ **Chris Van Curan** says he is "coasting," after 28 years with the Bank of Boston and another 12 years building an 18-agency national insurance company. He and his wife recently returned from two weeks in Spain; some good weather, some not so good. His Spanish, he said, is as good as ever: "My Middlebury professor gave me a passing grade for the first semester if I promised not to take the course the second semester." In a comparison with Italy, which they have visited many times, Chris said Spain is far more arid, and the scenery more dramatic. There are pockets of art and culture, which are extraordinary. They really enjoyed it. The Van Curans also will be in Middlebury for our reunion, which is only a few months away. ✳ In the meantime, stay active, stay connected! Keep those cards and letters coming! Secretary Nickerson reports: A mini-reunion on August 6, brought a large gathering to the lovely home of **Bob** and **Barb Totten Perkins** on Bass River. **Dick Bourbeau** was credited with organizing the second annual Cape Cod event. Others in attendance included **Gus** and **Sally Robinson Boardman**, Judy and **Dick McCoy**, Marty and **Dick Buckingham**, Fred and **Leslie Harper Miller**, Peter '53 and **Cecily Mattocks Marshall**, and Dick and **Jean Tibbetts Pentland**. ✳ In September, **Bob Gleason, Dot Kimball Hart Rand, Bill Skiff**, and **Cecily Mattocks Marshall** met at Middlebury to work on the 50th Reunion Yearbook, while **Karl** and **Lois Robinson Limbach**, and **Dick McCoy** were launching our class gift campaign. I (Whit) hope you have sent in your bios and reflections, because we want to hear all about all of you! Be sure you have put June 4-6, 2004, on your calendars. If you have never been back, you are in for a real treat. Join us and see!
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SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing People) Southwestern Connecticut chapter will honor **Alan Gould** with their first Certificate of Appreciation Award for his work with deaf and hard-of-hearing people. The award will be presented on February 21 at the Westport (Conn.) Public Library. Alan is preparing the 19th consecutive theatrical and third open captioned performance for deaf and hard-of-hearing theater patrons at the Wilton Playshop's production of *Moon Over Buffalo* on May 8 in Wilton.
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Peter Salmon gave a reading of his poetry at the Northampton Community College's Monroe campus in Tannersville last spring. Peter and Linda Shutt Salmon '58 live in Henryville, Pa. ✳ From mid-September to mid-October, **Zane Kotker** was off to the sites of her new book: Barcelona (or 90 miles south of), Naples Bay ruins, Ostia Antiqua, and around Sicily. ✳ **Si Ayer** recently produced *Boreal Ties*, a very interesting documentary history of his grandfather's trip in 1901 to deliver relief supplies to Robert Peary's expedition to the north pole. ✳ **Mona Meyers Wheatley** now resides in a wonderfully restored house on Nantucket—and the latch string is out. ✳ **Jody Newmarker Crum** says it all very succinctly: "Great Alaska vacation again this summer!" ✳ Lou and **Peggy Straus Patierno** recently returned from a trip to many countries south of the equator and halfway around the world. Over the years, they have been aiming to visit 100 countries and, with this trip, they have reached their goal. Having been jailed in Kiribati for lack of a visa, they were fortunately released. They visited Samoa, New Zealand, Fiji, Tokatoka, Vanuatu, and several places in Australia. ✳ There has been a wonderful response to the Midd '56 off-campus mid-way "leaf peeper" reunion at Barb and **Dick Catlin**'s Timberlock Camp in the Adirondacks for September 2004. The camp is filling fast, but there may be a few spots open. If you missed the mailing or lost the information and would like to come, please let Bill or Mona know and we will give you the info. It is with great sadness that we must report the death of **Marcia Hanson Stigum** on August 7. A sketch of her distinguished career appears in a memorial elsewhere in this issue. The condolences of the class are extended to all of her family members.
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After retirement in 2001, **Larry** and Helen Dickey '58 **Curtis** spent two summers on their sailboat on "The Great Lake trip." "Left Lake Champlain via the Champlain and Erie canals to Buffalo, sailed the U.S. shores of lakes Erie, Huron, and Michigan in 2002, left boat in Wisconsin over winter, sailed mostly Canadian shores in 2003, home via Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence Seaway, and Chambly Canal: 4,000 miles!" ✳ **Ida Mae Johnson** has stepped down after three years as president of the Poultney Women's Club, but she is still secretary of the local historical society. "I have just published a 36-page coloring book about Vermont, designed to amuse and inform. I hope to die with none in my basement, so spread the word! I'm backing off from civic duties to put (literally) my house in order. Exercise? Strenuous gardening and various intense house projects—painting, laying patio brick, etc. Hope not to do it again!" ✳ The Middlebury engagement calendar for 2003, featuring the work of **Sabra Field**, has won an award for excellence from the University and College Designers Association. ✳ **Marion Perkins Harris** writes: "For my partner, Tom Howard, and me, life revolves around our grandchildren and our music. Together we baby-sit for my two and his two, all under nine. And together we rehearse, travel, and perform with Sharing a New Song, building bridges with music in former Soviet states, South Africa's non-white communities, Cuba, China, and the U.S. I am also a natural history guide at Audubon." ✳ We regret to report the death of **George Joseph** on June 12. Condolences are extended to his family. ✳ **Sara Holmes Wilson** reports: "Many friends of the late **"Stevie" (Stephanie) Eberth Ruys De Perez** and Alfie Ruys De Perez '58 were saddened to learn of Alfie's death in an auto accident in Toronto last Easter weekend." She also reports on October 1: "On a happier note, I'm retiring as of today, so my state e-mail address expires, and I'll have to do something about getting a computer at home. My list of 'to do' things is already so long that I'm feeling the stress, but teaching the granddaughters how to make pies and reconnecting with old friends are high on the list. And I'd love to use my sailboat enough to get the cost below $1,000 a sail!"
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More than 400 friends and admirers packed the ballroom of the New York Athletic Club for a show-biz tribute to our own **Roger Sturtevant**, who died last June at 66. His forever friend and traveling buddy (annual jaunts to London for theater day and night) **Ginny Davis Irwin**, worked with Roger's sister, Jane, and others to organize the salute. Roger's Middlebury roommate for four years, **Peter Honegger**, sent a written remembrance (read by **Joe Mohbat**), which had the capacity crowd laughing in recognition of qualities Roger carried throughout his life. ("He would use my social life to test his talent-hunting skills—a constant matchmaker.") Roger's reputation, first in the box office and later in the casting (shows and, later, commercials) ends of the business, was legend. Tributes came in from Stephen Sondheim, Harold Prince, and others of highest magnitude. It was, as he would have wanted it, a helluva show for "Roger Bassoon," the erstwhile cymbals-crasher of the Midd marching band. ✳ **Anne Curtis Odom** curated the exhibition *What Became of Peter's Dream* at the Middlebury College Museum of Art this fall. The exhibition related to the Clifford Symposium *Petersburg in History and the Arts* marking the 300th anniversary of Petersburg, Russia. As a visiting scholar, Anne also discussed the decorative arts circa 1900. Anne is curator emerita of the Hillwood Museum and Gardens in Washington, D.C. ✳ Jean and **James Witham** are now living year-round in Florida, with visits to Cape Cod during the summer months. "Last summer I had a complete ankle replacement and all is going well. However it was no fun being on crutches in July, August, and September." ✳ We regret to report the death of **Alfred Ruys de Perez** in an auto accident in Toronto last Easter weekend.
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Secretary Woodworth reports: **David Harpp**, the Sir William C. Macdonald Professor of Chemistry at McGill Univ., has received the James Flack Norris Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Teaching of

Chemistry. The award was established by the northeastern section of the American Chemical Society in 1950. His highly popular courses at McGill deal with such subjects as the practical considerations of food, drugs, and modern technology, including aspects of the environment. In 1995, he spearheaded one of the largest chemical exhibitions in history in Montreal—the Chemistry Show at Expotec—that attracted 370,000 people. He has published over 200 articles in organochemistry, his area of research. ✳ We regret to report the death of **Sheldon Shapiro** on August 18 and of **Paul Denison** on September 8. The condolences of the class are extended to their families. ✳ **Richard Krasker** reports from Maine, where he and Sandy are "slowly adjusting to retirement. I have been volunteering time on various committees for the Town of Fryeburg. Winters we move south to Boston to enjoy the cultural attractions we never had time to take in when we were working and traveling for business. Our daughter and her husband have moved to Portland, Me., from Eastport, so we are able to be with them more often." ✳ Class agents/officers **Carolyn Parks Behr, Ellie Bliss, Barry Croland, Anne Martin Hartmann, Bob Luce, Granthia Lavery Preston, Bob W. Ray, Nancy Frame Sveden**, and I attended the Middlebury College Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf, September 12-14, 2003. Beautiful weather, great food, speakers with college updates, hikes, and social hours. And, oh yes, meetings with reunion reps to plan our 45th Reunion, June 4-6, 2004! Many details, suggestions, and plans were discussed to ensure that our 45th will be a unique, celebratory event! There will be an info blitz, and all of our classmates will be contacted. In addition to being a time of renewing friendships, and refreshed memories, our 45th will be a rallying point in preparation for our big 50th in June 2009. Put June 4-6, 2004, on your busy calendar, and circle it! ✳ In other news: **Ellie Bliss** reports that she divides her time between her summer place in Highgate, Vt., and Middlebury, where she has a winter position in the Midd admissions office. ✳ **Nancy Frame Sveden** and her husband (www.svedens.com) operate a fish market on Cape Cod. Smoked salmon sounds great! ✳ **Barry Croland** and his wife stayed at Judith's Garden B&B (www.judithsgarden.com), in Goshen, Vt., hosted by classmate **Dick Conrad** and wife Judith. A must see and visit place! ✳ **Mary Hinsman Raymond** reports that she visits with **Pat Sherlock Davidson** from time to time. Mary is "greatly looking forward to our 45th Reunion in June 2004." ✳ For easier communication in this reunion year, we ask all classmates to send their latest e-mail addresses to **Ilse Benzien van der Bent** (vanderbents@msn.com).

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Some of our classmates have been on the move. **Nancy Phillips** has lived in Warren, R.I., for two years, while doing utilization reviews for the child welfare system in Providence. She spent a recent vacation at Quonochonkaug, R.I., with her two grandchildren. She planned a probable return to India and Nepal this winter to study with her Tibetan Buddhist teacher, Thrangu Rinpoche. She says she is healthy and quite content. ✳ **Sally Porter Hoedemaker** writes that she, **Carolyn Ladd Maurer, Judy Falby Tuttle**, and **Deb Wetmore** had a great Midd mini-reunion house party at Deb's in Warren, Vt. They had a great time sailing on Judy's boat on Lake Champlain. Sally and her husband are now permanent residents of Perth, Australia. They are always on the lookout for house exchanges. Contact her if you are interested at sbhoedemaker@hotmail.com. ✳ **Penny Pitou** is building a new home in the area where she grew up in Gilford, N.H. She runs three travel agencies in New Hampshire and takes people skiing and hiking in the Alps. Highlights for Penny? "Watching my grandchildren grow up and turning that magic age when the government pays you. Getting older isn't half bad...." ✳ **Jane Bryant Quinn** retired from her *Washington Post* column last year. She says it was going strong, but she wasn't. Two columns a week had equaled working six to seven days a week in order to meet her other deadlines. She decided the heck with it and now cannot imagine how she found the time to write newspaper columns at all. She still writes biweekly for *Newsweek* and bimonthly for *Good Housekeeping*. She and husband David traveled to Southeast Asia a good deal in the past five years, a fascinating part of her work. Alas, things have changed since David had a stroke in April. Jane went solo to Portugal for a week with her brother and sister. Her three stepchildren are married with kids. Her 34-year-old son, Justin '92, got married in September, on the beach in Narragansett, R.I. She could hardly believe she was the mother of the groom. Thought it would never happen. As for son Matthew (40), his long-time girlfriend's comment was, "One down, zero to go." ✳ Although officially retired for three years, **Graham Nye** has worked four different positions during that time: planning the opening of a new high school (in Camden, Maine), working as a special education director on a six-month basis, and working five months in two different Maine school districts as interim superintendent. For hobbies he pursues antiques, particularly American Art Pottery, and is active in the Society of American Baseball Research. As of fall 2003, he was single—"but not for too long." He's enrolled at the Rhode Island School of Design to become a certified antiques appraiser. Also he's active on the Augusta school building committee, chair of the Augusta Kiwanis auction, and chair of Lithgow Library trustees. ✳ A solo exhibition of recent wall reliefs and selected steel sculptures by **J. Pindyck Miller** ran from mid-August until late October at the Studio, an alternative space for contemporary art in Armonk, N.Y. ✳ **Pete** and **Jean Emrich Battelle, Mike Robinson**, Judy and **Dick Wilkinson**, and **Jean Seeler** got together at Midd in September at the Alumni Leadership Conference. ✳ Thanks for your Xmas notes and cards. That news will be in the next class column.

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Adam "Dan" and **Susan Andrews Sokoloski** spent two weeks in July teaching conversational English in Poland as volunteers. They were part of a program coordinated by Global Volunteers, a Minnesota-based nonprofit organization that offers short-term service opportunities in 18 countries around the world. Over the two weeks, the volunteers taught English sessions at a summer language camp in the mountainous Zakopane region of southern Poland. They taught Polish teenagers in the mornings and spent afternoons preparing lessons and exploring the local environment. Adam reports: "We started from zero. Everything was new. I learned so much about the country, the people, institutions, and culture," adding he was impressed by the "intense development of knowledge" in the Polish students. Susan says, "I met some wonderful Polish students and will continue my relationships with them through e-mail."

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MCAA Nominees

For the term of office beginning July 2004, the following slate of nominees is presented for Alumni Trustee and the Board of Directors of the Middlebury College Alumni Association:

Alumni Trustee
William D. Delahunt '63
Linda Foster Whitton '80

Board of Directors
Ofelia Barrios '93
Katherine Lange Dolan '77
Hector W. Griswold, Jr. '71
William F. Trask '52
Theresa Ryan Webster '76

Biographical information for these candidates is available online at www.middleburyalumni.org.

Additional nominations must be received in the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs by **April 1, 2004**, to be included in this spring's online ballot. These nominations must contain a letter of acceptance signed by the nominee, updated biographical information, a photo of the nominee, and 200 signatures of alumni endorsing the nominee.

Approval of the single slate of nominees will take place during April by logging on to the Middlebury College Alumni Web site at www.middleburyalumni.org. To obtain a paper ballot, more information, or to submit additional names for the slate, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753; phone 802-443-5183; fax 802-443-2082; alumni@middlebury.edu.

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Jim Warburton reported in October that he and his two dogs, Cria and Tura, have moved to Gaucin, Spain. They live in a small, three-story house, located just below a 9th century Moorish castle. From his terrace he can see Gibraltar clearly, the Mediterranean, the Atlantic, and the coast of Africa. Having been in the house for a month, it was "far from finished," and he was "still waiting for the carpenters, the plumbers, the electricians, the telephone company. At least there is electricity, hot water, and central heat. And the view is fantastic!" **Bill Dalsimer** and girlfriend Shey went to visit in Gaucin when Jim was there last April. Together, they visited many of the White Villages, including many trips to Ronda. (I, Boz, spent a hiking week there in September. Beautiful area.) Gaucin is about 50 minutes down the mountain from Ronda, on the road to Algeciras. There is a very interesting expat community in Gaucin, with many fine artists. He can walk from one end of the village to the other in 15 minutes, which he often does twice a day; he and the dogs are getting into fine shape. ✷ Please note **Bill Dalsimer**'s new e-mail address below. ✷ Congratulations to newlyweds **Howard Scheinblum** and Susan Fierberg, who were married in May 2003. The judge reports: "Remodeled and moved into new home which we both enjoy." ✷ **Anne Thornton Bridges** had double knee surgery in early October and came through it with flying colors. ✷ Secretary Fischer reports: Last December I had my ankle fused, which means three months in a cast and months of figuring out how to navigate again. Then in May my husband got a new knee. It was a pathetic year for us, but now we are ready to roll. In January, he is taking a six-month sabbatical in Chapel Hill. I may be calling on some of you Easterners. **Judy Bosworth Roësset** and I traveled to Bread Loaf for the Alumni Leadership Conference in September. Fun—Vermont is so beautiful! But we need news from you!

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Douglas Cooper was looking forward to the publication of his first novel, *Hickory Stick*, in November. A teacher of creative writing, script writing, and Web journalism for a media program in the NYC Department of Education, he is also an educational evaluator for an alternative high school program. ✷ **Rex Brown**'s book, *It's Your Fault!: An Insider's Guide to Learning and Teaching in City Schools*, came out recently. Rex, who left his job as a policy analyst to teach in an inner city middle/high school, has written a book that tells it like it really is inside urban American schools. ✷ Some botanical news has been received from Middlebury, informing us that our Class of '63 tree contracted some sort of disease and had to be taken down last summer. Happily a new oak tree will be duly planted this spring. It will be found just north of Old Chapel, not far from the site of our former oak. ✷ **Alan Wood** was named to the USDA's eight-member Research, Education, and Economics Task Force last spring. After evaluating the merits of establishing one or more national institutes focused on food and agricultural science, the task force was scheduled to report its findings in fall 2003. In 2001, Alan became the first director of the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Institute at Mississippi State Univ. His previous work included biologically based pest management research at Cornell and leadership of a U.S. Forest Service team studying the use of biological pest control agents in forests.

Keith Van Winkle '64 won two silver medals at the U.S. Masters diving championships last August.

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With our 40th Reunion rapidly approaching, we urge everyone to make plans to be in Middlebury June 4-6, 2004. When we return to campus, we will find that our Class of '64 maple tree has been painstakingly transplanted to a location near the west end of Warner Hall, closer to Old Chapel Road. The transplanting of several trees became necessary to accommodate the building of the new library and its surrounding landscaping. The new library is scheduled to open this summer. ✷ **Geoffrey Nichols** reports that he and Joan recently bought a small farm in Ocala, Fla.: "We'll spend six months there, six months in Vermont. Will take dogs, cats, and horses, which, along with kids and grandkids, are a major part of our lives. We're having a great time importing Irish ponies, some for grandkids, some for sale." ✷ In U.S. Masters Diving, **Keith Van Winkle** made a tremendous showing at the 2003 Summer National Championships last August in Honolulu. In the 60-to-64-year-old age group, Keith was the silver medalist on both the 1-meter and the 3-meter springboards. He placed fourth in the 60-69 age group in the platform diving event. In the synchronized diving event, he and Mike Brown (Dartmouth '70) placed second in the 50-64 age group. Well done, Keith! ✷ **Jon Carlstrom** "finally retired to the woods of northern Wisconsin: sailing, skiing, and good food—and 10 percent of the world's fresh water at my door. Life is good." ✷ On Sunday, September 7, **Jean Blanchette St. Clair** invited Connecticut members of our class to a 40th class reunion dinner at her home in Southington, Conn. In attendance were Lewis '62 and **Judy Cooper Parker**, Steve '62 and **Jane Bowditch Holtz**, Joseph and **Jean Blanchette St. Clair**, and **John Vecchiolla**. All of us enjoyed our get-together and caught up with the latest Midd news and goings-on. We all enjoyed a delicious dinner prepared by our hosts. Judy has gone from politics to the Wethersfield, Conn., historical society. She also assists her husband in his rheumatology practice. Steve and Jane recently returned to Connecticut, and Jane is teaching kindergarten in West Hartford. Jean is still our class agent, and John is recovering from his daughter Michelle's August wedding. ✷ Susan and **Larry Ring** sent the sad news of the death of **Tom Suess** on October 31. They write that, since the Middlebury China 2001 trip, "Tom had been undergoing kidney dialysis three times per week. Added complications and a weakened condition simply became too much to overcome, even for someone as upbeat and positive as Tom. He was truly inspirational, always smiling, and grateful for each day of life." The condolences of the class are extended to Tom's wife, Joan, and all the family.

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Terry Wright retired as prof. of geology from Sonoma State Univ. in 2001. He continues to teach part time at SSU, California Academy of Science, and Santa Rosa JC. He's also spending major time on the east side of the Sierra, having bought 10 acres in Benton, north of Bishop, developing the property for an eventual permanent move there. His recent travel destinations have included China, New England, Seattle, southern California, and the desert valleys and hot springs near Death Valley. He reports that he has embarked on a second career as a consultant: applying geology and soils to wine quality and to the slate industry in Vermont.

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Our first news is that we're looking for a new co-secretary to make it possible for you to hear from more members of our class. If you're curious about what people are doing these days, please let me know. It's a pleasant job, and I'd enjoy sharing it. ✷ **Bob Wishart** writes that he and wife Roberta are, like many of us, empty nesters now. One son manages a marina in North Carolina; the other is a chef at an excellent restaurant in Greensboro. Thinking ahead to retirement in a few years, Bob and Roberta have bought a house on the beach to enjoy now with their two grandchildren. ✷ On assignment for the *Engineering News-Record*, the weekly news magazine of the construction industry, **Tom Armistead** spent over a month last May and June traveling with the Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq. His articles, available at www.enr.com, provide insights into the challenges of rebuilding the Iraqi oil industry. Tom says he traveled to "Basra and the Southern Rumaila oilfields, Baghdad, Balad and Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit, going through the heart of the Sunni Triangle." He ended his trip in Kirkuk, the center of the northern oilfields. Tom writes, "I found that most people in Iraq are genuinely glad to be rid of Saddam, but also are wondering why it's taking so long to rebuild the country. The war damage in 1991 was much worse, but reconstruction was rapid." Tom spent over 20 years in the construction industry before becoming an associate editor for *ENR* in 1998. ✷ Also reporting in recently is **Doug Mackintosh**. Doug co-heads GCPA, an independent firm concerned with clinical practice standards and with clinical trial auditing. He and Vernette Molloy, who are experts in the field, have produced a question-and-answer-style reference guide titled *Good Clinical Practice.*

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Jon Berger and Linda Walter were married on the banks of the Wissahickon Creek in Fairmount

Park, Philadelphia, on May 21. Linda is from Ile Perrot, just west of Montreal and across the river from Ste. Anne de Bellevue. They later had a formal reception at Le Chateau Vaudrieul on Lac des Deux Montagnes. Now living in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, they are in the midst of renovating their old stone home. Linda is selling her recruiting business in Montreal. Jon continues to run the computer network at Berger Montague in Philadelphia, work on his new software for data mining (tailored for records management and discovery in the legal field), and work on the Canoe Atlas of the Little North. In August he completed a 3.5-week canoe trip in northern Manitoba, during which he and his fellow voyageur went down more than 300 rapids. ✳ **Livvy Barbour Tarleton** greatly enjoyed her recent visit to **Margot Childs Cheel**'s exhibit "Aerial Photography: Boston to Cape Cod and the Islands" at the South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell, Mass. Livvy reports that the color and patterns of Margot's work are fascinating. An art major at Midd, Margot has taken up flying in the last 10 years, and has become a licensed pilot. She has combined her interest in photography and her interest in flying with great results! In addition to her art exhibits, she's doing some commercial work, and she also gives workshops and sells photo trip albums. More info on upcoming exhibits can be found by e-mailing Margot at www.margotcheel.com. ✳ **Terry Mosher** has been "enjoying a semester's sabbatical from SUNY-Fredonia, studying and writing about American environmental literature—and doing some extra birdwatching and horseback riding. A welcome change of pace!" ✳ **Sue Rugg Parmenter** hosted the annual Women's Weekend at Rugg Haven, her family compound in East Corinth, Vt., in mid-September. Sue's excellent planning and outreach pulled in four first-timers: **Joanne Hall Johnston, Mary Tallafuss Cuyler, Sue Stafford Mohr**, and **Xenia Kugajevsky Heaton**. Joining them were returnees **Cathy Buck Leary, Gert Jones Como, Helen Martin Whyte**, and **Susie Davis Patterson**. The team of Rugg-Davis-Hall-Tallafuss soundly defeated the others in maneuvering through a challenging corn maze (thanks to our systems planner Mary), and several of us hiked up in perfect post-Isabel weather to a spectacular vista point overlooking the Waits River Valley. We discovered an interesting statistic at dinner: seven out of the nine of us married Middlebury men; three of those marriages have survived . . . er, thrived. We wondered if those percentages are typical for Midd marriages in general. Great food, fun activities, and lots of warm and open conversations nourished old and new friendships. We unanimously selected Joanne to host next fall's gathering in Marblehead, Mass., with sailing and sea kayaking in the offing. We hope to get back many of our past participants and more new ones. Let Joanne know if you want your name on the list by sending her an e-mail at Joanne.Johnston@verizon.net.

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Early last summer, **Kathleen Bugni Etkin** was part of a 17-member volunteer team working under the auspices of Global Volunteers in Browning, Montana, the center of the Blackfeet Reservation. After installing playground equipment, repairing windows, doing maintenance, and visiting with elders at a tribal nursing home, she also had the opportunity to tour Glacier National Park. Of many highlights, she writes, "I loved the evening in the sweat-lodge. And I loved watching the relay race on horseback during the Indian Days celebration." Kathleen, who lives in New Haven, Conn., is chief financial officer of South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority. ✳ **Fred Fritz** was instrumental in planning a recent Financial Services Industry Summit on campus, with the expressed intent of exploring issues related to recruiting financial services businesses to the state. Fred hoped the summit would provide an inventory of the issues, including barriers, related to attracting businesses to Vermont. About 35 leaders of the industry with connections to Middlebury College or Vermont attended, along with faculty and administrators from the College, state economic development officials, and Governor Jim Douglas '72.

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President Bush has reappointed **William K. Sessions III** as a vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission for a term of six years. Bill currently serves as a U.S. District Judge for the District of Vermont. ✳ Last summer, **John Tidd** gave a workshop, Welded Steel Assemblies, designed to challenge the artist's imagination to create sculptures from steel and stainless steel shapes that were once industrial scrap. His workshop taught basic welding skills, along with finishing and assembling techniques. John has studied welding in London and the U.S. He not only creates sculpture, but he has also manufactured snow-grooming equipment for the ski industry. His studio is located in West Bridgewater, Vt. ✳ Quite a few of our classmates are planning to come to our 35th Reunion in June. Check out the growing list on-line at http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/alumni/reunion/. If you haven't told us already, let us know if you'll be returning to Middlebury.

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Sue Ellen Thompson was the first-prize winner of the 2003 Nimrod/Hardman Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry for "We Watch the Wrong Movie" and other poems. A graduate of the Bread Loaf School of English (1974), Sue Ellen is a free-lance writer and editor. Her book of poems, *The Leaving: New and Selected Poems*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 2002. Nimrod is the Univ of Tulsa's international journal of poetry and prose.

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Captain **V.G. Gooding** recently invited **Tom Scribner, Sandy McDowell, Bruce Foust**, and **Dave Fox** to sail from Jamestown, R.I., through the islands of Maine aboard his 44-foot Swan sailboat. Tom reported the weeklong sailing trip featured "great fun, great weather, great scenery!" ✳ Artist **Peik Larsen** gave a slide talk recently at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Mass. A teacher of printmaking for many years at Harvard Univ., Peik shows at the DNA Gallery in Provincetown and OHT in Boston. After Middlebury, he studied at the San Francisco Art Institute and the School at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.

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Secretary Wingham reports: I hope that you and your families enjoyed the holiday season, and that your New Year's resolutions will include one to keep in touch with your class secretaries! Jennifer and I look forward to hearing from you and collecting more of your news for this column. ✳ As a state government reporter for the *Burlington Free Press*, **Nancy Stetson Remsen** often runs into classmate Gov. **Jim Douglas**. At a fall ribbon-cutting for Vermont's newest state prison, Jim asked Nancy how the cell blocks compared to Battells! "Always the humorist, Jim," notes Nancy. Ken '71 and Nancy's two sons have graduated from college: Erik from Bates in '01 and Karl from Williams in '03. Last summer, Nancy and Ken attended the wedding of the daughter of her Middlebury roommate, **Merrie Johnson Elisens**. Nancy's comment: "Seems like only yesterday that we attended Merrie's wedding, but that was 29 years ago!" ✳ "After 30 years with the same company," writes **Sheila Swain Acey**, "I lost my job a year ago when our division was merged with another in Kentucky. Now I've started a new career in quality control. Nothing like changing fields later in life! I'm continuing with accounting, working part time for a small local business. Two jobs certainly keeps me busy!" ✳ Two summers ago, **Karen Burnap Gallup** traveled across Canada, from Quebec to Vancouver, with Midd roommate **Judy Cranker MacPherson**, who was relocating to Vancouver from Pittsfield, Mass. "What beautiful country," says Karen, "and Vancouver is a must-see for everyone." (As a proud Canadian, I second Karen's sentiments!) Last summer, Karen and her husband moved from Keene, N.H., to Norfolk, Mass., where Karen teaches high school math. Their two eldest children have graduated from college: Kim from Swarthmore ('98) and Rich from Midd ('01). Son Ben graduates from MIT this year. Karen, who left Midd partway through her junior year, has remained connected with the College for the past 20 years as an alumni interviewer. Now in her 20th year of interviewing prospective Midd students, Karen highly recommends this very rewarding volunteer work. She also recommends MiddNet online as a great network for alumni to get involved in. It got her son, Rich, an interview at Gamespot.com, the company he now works for in

Overheard

AT AN OCTOBER RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY for the opening of Vermont's newest state prison, **GOVERNOR JIM DOUGLAS '72** turned to classmate and *Burlington Free Press* reporter **NANCY STETSON REMSEN '72** and asked how the cell blocks compared to the rooms in Battell Hall.

San Francisco. Rich was a film major at Midd and now makes videos, films interviews, and writes articles for an online video review magazine. ✷ My daughter, Lindsay, is now a freshman at Carleton Univ. in Ottawa, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work degree and plans to work with juvenile offenders. Younger daughter Lauren, in her junior year of high school, has entirely different interests. She's hoping to study aerospace engineering, and has already started to scope out the university fairs. I can't believe that my babies have grown up so quickly! ✷ Several times I have written to classmates only to have my message bounce back as undeliverable. Please make sure that the College has your current e-mail address so that we can all keep in touch.

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After working as an editor at the *Rutland* (Vt.) *Herald* for nearly 22 years, **Tim Clemens** started a new job in November as copy desk chief at Central Maine Newspapers in Augusta, Maine: "I now supervise the copy editing and design staffs for the *Morning Sentinel* in Waterville and the *Kennebec Journal* in Augusta. It's pretty strange not working in Vermont after all these years, but it was a great career opportunity, and I'm enjoying getting to know Maine." ✷ The summer issue of the *NEACAC Newsletter* informs us that the North East region of the National Assoc. of College Admissions Counselors chose **Carolyn Leggett Perine** as the Counselor of the Year for Vermont. Midd's office of admissions noted that "this is a very appropriate recognition of Carolyn's many years of being Middlebury's liaison to schools and organizations in New England." ✷ With the publication of her book, *The Balkan Conditional in South Slavic: A Semantic and Syntactic Study* (Verlag Otto Sagner, Munich 2003), **Masha Chamberlin Belyavski-Frank** (M.A. Russian '76) brought a 20-year project to fruition. The book examines the morphological and semantic development of the modal construction formed with either the imperfect of "to want" plus the infinitive, or with a modal particle from "to want" plus the imperfect of the main verb. Analysis of the Balkan conditional is given for examples taken from diverse sources, including epic folk poetry, dialectal texts, and the standard literary language in the South Slavic languages, as well as in the Balkan non-Slavic languages of Greek, Albanian, Daco-Rumanian, Istro-Rumanian, and Arumanian. Specific syntactic and semantic contexts are analyzed, and comparison is made with other modal constructions in these languages. Masha is an associate prof. of Russian and director of Russian studies at Depauw Univ. ✷ News from yours truly: In June, I produced my first play, *A Good Constellation,* for the Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Short Play Festival at the American Theatre of the Actors. I'm currently working with Pulse Ensemble Theatre toward a staged reading of a full-length play this winter. Looking forward to hearing news from everyone as the winter brings us all indoors once more.

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Believe it or not, our 30th Reunion is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for June 4-6, 2004. Details will come later but save the date now. We look forward to seeing lots of classmates in Middlebury then. ✷ **Greg Dennis** was in silence for three weeks at a meditation retreat in the mountains of southern Utah last September. After such a long period of silence, Greg reports that he is slowly regaining the ability to talk, and he hopes to be speaking in full sentences by the time of our reunion. ✷ **Sandy Meldrum** will be giving a talk in Middlebury on Tuesday, March 2 (4:30 P.M.), in the Robert A. Jones '59 House conference room. He recently e-mailed from South Africa (andymel@telkomsa.net): "As you probably gathered I was finally chucked out of Zimbabwe on May 16. My wife, Dolores, was thrown out three weeks later. We were in London for nearly a month and managed to meet up with my old roommate **Chris Mead**, who is the director of the London office of a French law firm. Chris and his wife, Maggie, made me a couple of really nice meals and I met their two teenage kids. It was great to see Chris again, as we had not been in touch since I first left for Zimbabwe in 1980. After visits to our families in the States, we have settled in South Africa, where I am writing for the *Guardian* and Dolores is carrying on with her human rights work." Sandy is writing a book about his Zimbabwe experiences. ✷ In Montpelier, Vt., **David Minot** is the new head of the Municipal Bond Bank and the Vermont Education & Health Buildings Financing Agency. David is also serving as Vermont's director of finance and investment under treasurer Jeb Spaulding. ✷ **Elke Ostler Hanna** (elkehanna@monad.net) was hoping to mark her 50th birthday last year by running the Burlington, Vt., marathon. During training, though, she reports, "instead of getting better, I felt progressively worse. I couldn't complete a 24-mile training run. I chalked it up to turning 50 and all that midlife stuff. What it turned out to be was that I needed to have a parathyroidectomy (how many of us even knew there is such a thing?) and my fatigue was due to calcium imbalances. Medically it isn't a big deal, but the timing was a major bummer! I didn't get to run the marathon, but I did run two legs of the marathon relay with two of my sons, which was wonderful! So I turned 50 without the marathon, but with a life that is good in many small, ordinary ways." Elke teaches elementary school, while husband Tom is a land use lawyer in Keene. Son George (23) is a Boston College graduate working for PC Connection. Thomas (20), a student at Lewis and Clark College, is spending this year with the Audubon Expedition Institute. Ben (17) is a senior at Keene High School. ✷ We offer our condolences to the family of **David Stone**, who died quite unexpectedly of a heart attack on Labor Day weekend. A Phi Beta Kappa physics major at Middlebury, David also held a Ph.D. from MIT. In his professional life, David was the founder and president of Lightspan, LLC, a company that specializes in optical engineering in advanced polymers. With accomplishments that encompassed both military and commercial applications, he held patents for devices to protect American ships from attack and other patents related to lasers. A number of classmates attended David's memorial service in his hometown of Marion, Mass. Giving the eulogy was **Mark Patinkin**, who offered comments both humorous and touching. "He may well have been the brainiest guy in our class," Mark said in his eulogy, adding, "Let me put it this way: If I'd have made Phi Beta Kappa, I'd have taken out an ad in the *New York Times*. David did make it, but virtually never talked about. I had to ask Ellen this week to make sure. It wasn't that he was shy. It's that he personified a rare trait among our generation. It was never about applause for him. Or recognition. Or getting credit. It was simply about the quiet pursuit of achievement." David was one of the designers and builders of the fabled tree house on the edge of the College golf course. In the eulogy, Mark noted: "He and four or five others built an extraordinary three-story tree house high in a majestic elm, that became an off-campus landmark, almost a shrine. It took them all year. Early on, three of the tree-house gang met in their usual office, a booth in the campus snack bar [the Crest Room], to continue the design process. And they're drawing on napkins, making messy images. Suddenly, in walks Stoney. He's carrying in his hands a professional-quality 3-D cardboard mock-up of the design, complete with window cutouts, made to scale with mathematical precision. 'Guys,' he says, 'I was just fooling around with this...'" The eulogy also recounted a story from **Heidi Flemer Hesselein**, about the time she and David went to Tony's Pizza one evening freshman year. David decided the place needed a fancy touch: "So he asked Heidi to put on her best dress and took her there. And David? David arrived in tails and a top hat, took out two brass candlesticks, and had pizza that way. Who ever brought tails and a top hat to college besides David Stone?" David will be missed by all of us who knew him.

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In summer 2002, **Rick Hodes** hosted Midd premed student Amichai Kilchevsky '04 at his home in Ethiopia. In summer 2003 (while Amichai interned with Ari Fleischer '82), three of Rick's sons spent six weeks with the Kilchevsky family in Newtown, Conn. Dejene (10), Addisu (13), and Semegnew (14) Hodes are among the 10 children adopted by Rick from an orphanage run by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Addis Ababa. Rick learned about the plight of some 20,000 Ethiopian Jews struggling to come to Israel in 1990, while he was studying at a yeshiva, shortly after becoming an Israeli citizen. The Ethiopian Jews were suffering with dysentery, malnutrition, and many other illnesses. Rick contacted the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and got involved in a support program in Addis Ababa. Since then, he has been active in relief work in Zaire, Rwanda, and many other troubled places. ✷ More news about Rick arrived in a message from **Kathy Smith Ward** in Dallas, Texas: "It was such a pleasure to meet Dr. Rick Hodes (ajdc@telecom.net.et) after all his years practicing medicine in Ethiopia. He was escorting two of his wards back to Dallas's state-of-the-art Scottish Rite Hospital for check-ups. Rick showed me Jill Seaman's ('74) Web site, www.sudantbproject.org, that lays out the projects of this international tuberculosis expert, and www.bewoket.com, a site that a film director created about Rick's world. Jill was recently recognized by *Time Magazine*'s Web site, www.time.com/time/reports/heroes/sudan. Both Jill and Rick are accomplishing amazing medicine under brutal circumstances." ✷ After years of planning, the new library is opening at Middlebury this coming summer! The building is large, but situated in such a way as to keep vistas open between the town and the College. The reconfiguration of the campus area between Old Chapel Road and Storrs Avenue

has resulted in landscaping changes, including moving some trees and plants. Our Class of 1975 Pagoda Dogwood is now in a very prominent location, at the southeast corner of Old Chapel. Check it out when next you visit Middlebury.
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76 Secretary Shapiro reports: On a glorious August evening in Maine's Carrabassett Valley, **Doug Reusch** married Julia Daly. This was Doug's first marriage, and it was worth the wait. At least for me. I had a wonderful time catching up with Doug's family and Rob Peale '75. The next day, the newlyweds and I hiked up a Sugarloaf ski trail and spoke of their mountainous future, teaching geology together at the Univ. of Maine in Farmington. ✷ After his six-year reign as the Pastrami King of Seattle, **Peter Glick** writes: "I am preparing to branch out into a new food business. It seems BBQ has not been properly represented in Seattle and there is an opportunity to open a shop within easy commute of both my home and the pastrami shop. Although the voice of reason says to leave well enough alone, I am going to go out on the limb again and tempt fate and risk it all on a new business venture. I continue to maintain my part ownership of restaurants in New York, and bike ride and play tennis frequently. **Irene Calvo** and I are divorced, but living within a few minutes of each other and equally sharing the raising of our kids, Jared (16) and Roxanne (13). I currently rent a home on a bluff overlooking Puget Sound and figure I'll live here until the next earthquake shakes me loose. If anyone wants to visit, I'm at Pastramik@aol.com." ✷ **Dana Eglinton** received a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in May. ✷ Navy Capt. **Gregory Moore** recently retired from active duty after 24 years of service, most recently at the Naval hospital in Camp Lejeune, N.C. ✷ **Kevin Cummings**, who lives in Summit, N.J., has been appointed executive VP and chief operating officer of Investors Savings Bank. Previously, he was with KPMG LLP, which he joined in 1977. An active member of the Summit board of recreation, Kevin is also the athletic director of St. Teresa's CYO basketball program in Summit. ✷ An in-depth report from **Gary Gray** and **Patty Forbes**, who are still in Arlington, Va.: Gary is in his fifth year at IRS, "where I moved in 1999 from Justice to take an executive job. Our office advises the Commissioner on bankruptcy, other collection issues, and information gathering. We manage issues and appellate litigation, tell IRS attorneys around the country what's up, write regulations and other published guidance, draft legislation, write training materials, present classes, and other things. It keeps me busy." Meanwhile, Gary reports that wife Patty is "still Minority Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. Her boss is still Senator John Kerry. (He's been very busy lately.) Patty manages the Democratic staff on the committee and promotes the Senator's legislative and policy agenda on small business and entrepreneurship. Between her job and being a mother of three there is much to do, but she has found time recently to take up golf." Daughter Caitlin graduated from Oberlin last spring and moved to Brooklyn, where she is teaching math to 7th and 8th graders in the NYC public school system. After a semester in Cuzco, Peru, daughter Nora will return to Amherst to finish her junior year. She's majoring in neuroscience and Spanish, playing ultimate Frisbee, and doing a radio show. Now a high school senior, Amy's a drum major in the marching band and a student organizer, while managing to fit in academics and college hunting.
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Charles Hemenway '81 was honored at Tulane Cancer Center for his research on a leukemia inhibitor.

77 **Bruce Hadley** (bhadley@adelphia.net) reports that "son Ryan (24) was married in London on August 8. Ryan and his wife both graduated from Richmond Univ. in London. Daughter Caitlin (22) graduated from UVM in May and is living near Philadelphia. Meghan (19) is in her second year at Middlebury, living in a house on Franklin Street, which is right in back of our old house on South Main Street! My parents now live on Orchard Lane in Weybridge, just over the covered bridge. Kyle (12), a seventh-grader, is into soccer, baseball, golf, skiing, piano, French horn, and trumpet. He's like an 'only child' now—so I do all those things, too. Heidi (Mortenson '76) and I have been married 27 years. She looks even younger than I do! Swimming has been my primary fitness activity for the past six years. I'm on a Masters swim team, and go to several meets a year. (Masters is age 19 and above, with 5-year age brackets.) I'm lucky to be able to run two or three days of the week in the afternoon at work (we have locker rooms), and then swim at the indoor pool at 7:30 at night. This is when I usually start talking about trying to generate a calorie deficit of 700 per day, etc., but I won't bore you with that. We've been living in Duxbury, Mass., for seven years now, and I still work at Fidelity Investments. I take a commuter rail for about 55 minutes, arriving at South Station, which is right next to the building where I work. I work in systems and database architecture. For example, I know what happens when you click on something on the Fidelity Web site. Like I said, I know what happens, but I'm still clueless as to how these machines work." ✷ **Susan Kenyon Wesner** is teaching earth science, eighth grade physical science, and science research in the Granville, N.Y., high school. With a master's in geology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Susan was previously a professional geologist and hydrogeologist. ✷ Congratulations to **Ken Reeves** and Jean Chandler, who were married on August 2, 2003. The Rev. **David Turner** officiated, **Karen Amirault** arranged the flowers, and **Marijane Tuohy** and Drew Knowland '71 were among the guests.
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78 **Stephen Kessler** is doing well as one of the few remaining ob/gyns in Philadelphia. He reports that his father finally retired from the ob/gyn group after 42 years of practice. Son Alexi (8) and daughter Katie (6) are in bilingual (Hebrew and English) school. Wife Julie recently received her Ph.D. in special education from Temple Univ. ✷ It is with great sadness that we must report the recent deaths of two of our classmates, **Charles (Andy) Harrison** and **Trey Hunt**. We extend the condolences of the class to their families and to their many friends. Their memorials appeared in the fall issue.
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Missy Bongartz Ross is now the town clerk/treasurer of Hinesburg, Vt.: "My first elected office! It's a full-time, very busy job, managing many aspects of the town. I love it! Daughter Halley is a junior at Champlain Valley Union H.S. Son Sam is in eighth grade. We're all busy with soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse. See you next summer." ✷ **Susan McCafferty** is taking time off from practicing psychotherapy to spend time with her kids, Ashley (6) and Aidan(3). After recovering from an illness, she joined USA Triathlon and is spending her free time training for her first triathlon in the spring. ✷ **Carol Yeomans Conard** writes: "I can't believe I have a child at Midd! Lindsey (Johnson) started as a Feb freshman last February and she's loving it. It's great for us, too, as she's only 45 minutes away. (We live in Shelburne.) Son Ian's a junior in high school and Addie's in seventh grade. I'm looking forward to the upcoming 25th!" ✷ After 15 years in Norwalk, **Janet Jones Shipp** and her family have moved to Wilton, Conn., where Janet grew up. Her parents, who still live in the house Janet grew up in, are delighted about having their two grandsons so nearby. But every move has its downside: Janet's in-laws will now have to drive, rather than walk around the corner, to see the boys. She reports that her children (ages 6 and 9) both take after her in terms of height, so they must be tall! Janet recently experienced what it's like to parent a 16-year-old girl for one year, when they took over guardianship of her husband's first cousin: "We had a hard year getting her to graduate from high school and off to college this past fall." Janet has been at Glencore Ltd., a commodities trading firm in Stamford, Conn., for 16 years now. She volunteered to help out with our 25th Reunion and enjoyed a September mini-reunion with **John** and **Mary Porter Wright**, **Ann Jones-Weinstock**, **Laurie Macauley Jordan**, **Maggie Paine**, and **Patrick Durkin**, as reunion planning got under way. Since that meeting at Bread Loaf, Patrick has become a father for the first time! He and wife Kristen are the proud parents of Luke Alexander, born October 19. Luke's historical role model is, of course, St. Luke—the gospel writer, historian, doctor, and storyteller. Current role models include Luke Skywalker and Cool Hand Luke. Representing

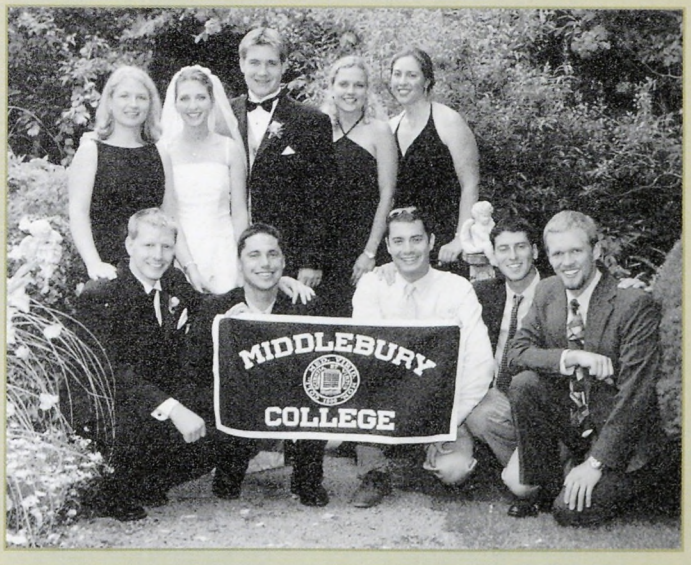
WEDDINGS

Celebrating the marriage of Paula Connor and James Meyer '91 at the Meadowood Resort in Napa Valley (May 13, 2000) were (all '91 unless noted) Brent Pickett, Andrew Resnik, Katy Meyer '94, (back) Jon Norling, Rod Tod, Packy Briggs '92, Johannes Ernharth, Aaron Albright, Rob Reis '92, Clymer Bardsley, Ben Danson, Jen Foss Smyth '94, and Heidi Reichenbach Harring '82.

Melissa Perry '88 and William Winborn were married in Gulfport, Miss., on August 2, 2002. Celebrating with them at the Grand Resort & Spa were '88s (standing) Jim Calise, Frisk Ewing Miller, Kim Maynard Martin, Jonathan Shipler, (seated) Laura Ludwig, the newlyweds, and Lissa Ellsworth Jones.

On the beach in Tamarindo, Costa Rica, Sara Bauman and Max Moyer '01 were married on May 5, 2002. Celebrating with the newlyweds at a May 25 reception in Washington, D.C., were classmates Eli Mello, Brendan Donnelly, Jake Mnookin, Dave Mills, Scott Faucett, Nat Kellogg, Ben Coello, and Matt Waxman.

The marriage of Jordan Lungstrum '98 and Tanner Blackburn '98 took place on October 5, 2002, in the bride's hometown of Lawrence, Kans. The Midd crowd included (all '98 unless noted) Cameron Parks, Jenny Arnold, Katie Whittlesey, the newlyweds, Kirsten Taylor, Gabe Davis '99, Kathryn Gordon, Peter Brooks '99, Ron Allen '99, (back) Davin Wilfrid, Jennifer Beaumond, Adam Dreiblatt '99, Andrew Davenport '99, David Gwinn '99, Emily Billo '99, Casey Haire '99, Sandeep Oberoi, Pete Barber '01, Zach Reber '99, and Judd Bruzgul.



Samantha Webb '99 and Matt Kading '98 were married in July 2002. Friends came from far and wide, including (front) Erich Osterberg '99, Dave Scopp '98, Lawrence Klein '98, Mike Snow '01, Ben Lively '99, (back) Sarah Waybright '99, the newlyweds, Justine Kwiatkowski '99, and Heather Budd '99.

Katie Hsu '98 and Clayton Hoberman '98 were married on November 30, 2002. Midd Kids celebrating with them on Long Island included (all '98 unless noted) (front) Ethan Nickel, Melissa Sheehan, Liza Hinman '99, the newlyweds, Anne Bruder, Josh Krembs, Cori Messinger, Ben Kahn, Michael Stineman, Michael Stout, (back) Rite Moisio '99, Kate McGovern, Matt Fischer, Andrew Brodie, Erin Cinelli, Kate Odell, Sandeep Oberoi, Emily Henlein, and Ashley Palmer.

Wedding guests flew into the Virgin Islands from 14 different countries to celebrate the marriage of Rudi Karastoyanova '97 and Carlos Dubois on June 5, 2003. Boriana Karastoyanova '01 was her sister's maid of honor; Niahm O'Leary Liu '96 was a bridesmaid; Dan Price '96 was among the guests.

Gathering in Tiverton, R.I., to celebrate the May 24, 2003, marriage of Ilse Guck '96 and Josh Bickford were Gary Bickford (father of the groom) and (all '96 except as noted) Anna Dondero, Cullen Meade, Shelley Sayward Rogers, the newlyweds, Sarah Merrill, Kevin Staples, Noah Bickford '02, and Caitlin Burditt '02 holding baby Jake McMahon.

Following their marriage on May 31, 2003, Amari Parker '99 and Brian Harrison '99 celebrated at a reception at Anthony's Pier 4 in Boston with (all '99 unless noted) Heather McCarthy '00, Gentian Falstrom '00, Jackie Britt, Jenna Sigman, Judy Zamore, Raquel Davis '00, Charlotte Sikes '00, Andrea Casas '00, Rebecca Hayes, Shannon Shaper, Susee Witt, Tania Kozikowski, Daniel Perett, Marcela Klicova Perett, the newlyweds, Chris Brestle, Bronwyn Wenger Brestle, Jess Pasko '00, Jen Cupani '00, Devin Arrington '00, Chris Weight '98, Barry Nelson '00, Jared Bartok, Molly Fitzgibbon '00, Anna Benvenuto '00, Angie Smith '00, Jessi Burgess '00, John Kuykendall '01, Tom Marks '00, Amanda Hellenthal, Hitoshi Yamaguchi '01, Jeff Sturges, Paul Dome '00, Christopher Howard '01, Tom Langsdorf '00, Megan Mihm Langsdorf '03, Steve Bertolino '00, Dorothy Resig '04, Abi Butler Marks '00, and Douglas Beagley '98.

Middlebury friends celebrated following the May 24, 2003, marriage of Susan Moulton '95 and Sid Evans at Litchfield Plantation, Pawleys Island, S.C.: ('95 unless noted) (front) Anne Walker, Alice McKown, the newlyweds, Josh Stinchcomb, (second row) Kristen Renner Swann, Sarah Copley Barrett, Kelly McKeown Gaudet, Jessica Latham Weidknecht, Mike Ricciardelli, Chris "Gus" Gostyla, Anne Seilheimer, (third row) Sarah Davis Johnson, Alec Perkins, Edwin Williamson, Kyle Swann, Schuyler Coppedge, Tom Kuchler, and Marshall Evans '93. Jon '95 and Kate Nicita Shepherd '96 missed the photo.

Following the June 7, 2003, wedding ceremony for Kendra Baker and Jordan Krugman '99, the Midd crowd celebrated with them at the Cherry Hills Country Club in Englewood, Colo.: Gary Oakley '85 (photographer), Peter Austin '99, Heidi Howard '99, Brady Priest '99, Lynn Holley Krugman '91, Rob Patterson '99, Ben Barnett '00, (back row) Adam Pascal '99, Ethan Mark '99, John Pless '99, Scott Krugman '91, John Maletis '99, and Thomas Diemar '00.

Martha's Vineyard was the setting for the June 14, 2003, marriage of Amy Flanders '97 and Jeremy (Jed) Harris '99. The Midd gathering included (front) Bill Maris '97, Amanda Shoemaker '97, Elizabeth Frazier St. John '97, Laura Wright McCray '97, Ian McCray '95, Matthew Bak '99, Scott Dudley '99, (middle row) Tom Winston '99, Heidi Dripps Thompson '99, Carrie Rief '99, Stephanie Crumb '00, Elizabeth Cassidy '99, Andrew Jessen '97, Stephen Hobbs '97, Caroline Griffith Hobbs '97, Stephanie Pindyck-Constantino '97, Lilia Gerberg '97, Jackie Pelton '97, Lara Wagner '97, the newlyweds, Forrest Westin '99, Lindsay Ritter '99, Hallie Hughes '99, Sara Doniger '99, Carly Vynne '97, Martha Mullane '95, Wendy Russell Tracy '95, (back row) Lindsay Reishman '98, Rob Birdsong '97, Brian Hubbard '97, David Smith '97, Jeff Rea '97, Matt Ralston '97, John Overbay '99, C.J. Diamond '99, and Matt Baker '97.

Celebrating the June 14, 2003, marriage of Jody Lekberg '96 (M.A. Spanish '99) and Aaron Stephenson (M.A. Spanish '05) at the Whitford House in Addison, Vt., were Kristie Carlson Norvell (M.A. Spanish '97), Samuel Knowles (M.A. Spanish '00), Nicole Kramer Mitchell (M.A. Spanish '99, Hobart Popick (Russian '94), Kristen Gibson Mikelbank '96, Scott Webster (M.A. Spanish '99), Sarah Lyons '96, Christina Morss Williamson '96, and Stew Williamson '96. Jennifer Sangster Popick '96 missed the photo.

Middlebury alums representing several decades attended the July 19, 2003, wedding of Courtney Kessler '98 and Nick Lauriat '98 in Cambridge, Mass.: (front) (all '98 except noted) Murray Harris '99, the newlyweds, Dave Thomas, (second row) Pete Emerson, Josh Herzig-Marx '99, Carla Naumburg, Laura Brown, Dave Sardilli, Julia Shreve, Cat Wright, Alison Smith Lauriat '68, (back row) Ann McCollum '86, Becca Philips Emerson '00, Mark Weinberg, Erin Branch '01, Libby Erwin Lauze, Mike Lauze, Matt Sheldon, Jen Jensen, Tom Gravel, Craig Bouchard, Peter Lauriat '68, Paige Budelsky Johnson, and Nate Johnson.

Raina Susnick and Nicholas Elfner '92 were married on August 9, 2003, at the Pines Resort in Digby, Nova Scotia. Celebrating with them were Sara Weale '92, Charlie Watson '92, Tristram Perkins '92, (middle row) the newlyweds, Norma Greenberg '68, Kimberly Walsh, Annie Watson, Sarah Faucett, David Forgash, Liz Forgash, (back) Bill Ames '66, John Rudge '92, Chip Elfner '66, Matt Pauley '92, Kingman Gordon '92, Bill Tice '92, Ben Faucett '92, Peter Walsh '92, and Gavin Ma '92.

Many Midd Kids helped celebrate the marriage of Amy Leith '90 and Chris Robinson on June 21, 2003, in Manchester, Vt.: (all '90 unless indicated) Kimberly Bradley, Karla Rice Barnhill, Tom Meyer, Brad Wiss, Eric Winick, Michael Yanakakis, Ingrid McKenzie Nilsson, Erik Nilsson '88, Richard Jack '91, Ed Lovett '92, Jennifer Brown Buller (M.A. German '91), and Elizabeth Renton (French '03).

Kristen Black '01 and Matt Kelly were married at Mary's at Baldwin Creek in Bristol, Vt. Celebrating with them on June 22, 2003, were (all '01 unless noted) (down front) Bret Sarnquist, Jim Wilkerson, (standing, front) the newlyweds, Lauren Wright, Sisa Suriel, Effie Ransom, Gretchen Stuppy, (standing, back) Jennie Schniedwind, Megan Smith ('95), Rob Verger, Laurel Cadwallader, Danny O'Brien, Jeff Phillippe, Jim Becker, and Steve Fleming.

The Mead Chapel wedding of Alison Penzine '97 and Jim O'Donnell on July 19, 2003, was followed by a reception at Mary's at Baldwin Creek, with (front) Carolyn Leggett Perine '73, Dwight Dunning '68, Judy Enright Dunning '66, Alice Neef Perine '47, the newlyweds, Becca Dunning '97, Helen Froelich Plummer '97, Celena Kingson '97, Catherine Mitchell '97, Kate Pinto '98, (back left) Katie Lillich Hallowell '97, Zach Hallowell '97, Virginia Crosa '97, Jon Butler '96, (back right) Amy Smith '97, Alex Grossman '96, and Leslie Graham '97.

Kristine Platou '98 and Michael Aaron '00 were married in Norway on August 2, 2003. Middlebury friends traveling to Norway for their wedding appear in the 2000 class notes column.

The marriage of Nina Fatke and Nicholas von Moltke '88 took place in Potsdam, Germany, outside of Berlin. Celebrating with them on July 26, 2003, were James Falvey '88, Steve Feldman '88, the newlyweds, Scott Jones '87, Phelps Wood '90, and Forman Wickes '87.

where Kristen and Patrick first met, Alexander is a Russian name (nickname Sasha), recalling Alexander the Great, Solzhenitsyn, and Kovalev. Congratulations to the Durkins!
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Tara Gallagher and her family loved living in London last year: "We traveled all over Great Britain and saw some of the rest of Europe as well. My youngest two, Joshua and Nathan (both 4), picked up British accents, but big brother Dylan (9) resisted. Now we're diving back into life in Swampscott, Mass. E-mail me at taragall@comcast.net if you're in the area." ✳ **Kevin Matson** was on his way to Tokyo, Japan, in October to spend three and a half weeks as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. The program emphasizes an exchange of educational ideas and developments. With his interest in the use of math and technology in Japan, Kevin planned to create a digital documentary to bring back to Moses Brown School, where he has been a teacher for 20 years. ✳ **Rich Silton** is the new chief operating officer of Carlin, Charron & Rosen LLP, based in Worcester. Mass. He was most recently president and CEO of Kaon Interactive Inc. of Maynard. ✳ The marriage of Elizabeth Bellingrath and **Calvert Seybolt** took place on June 14 in Osterville, Mass. Betsy is an administrator for Monitor Group in Cambridge; Ace is co-owner of New England Seeds in Hartford. They live in Boston and Mappsville, Va. ✳ The "13 Club" met again recently, as they have been doing over the last 23 years. All DU fraternity brothers, they converged on the Cape Cod vacation home of **Mike Haynes**, coming from California, Florida, D.C., Rhode Island, New York, and Massachusetts. Needless to say, a good time was had by Mike, **Kevin Matson, Bob DeValle, Jeff Angers, Craig Franklin, Mark Fernberg, Matt O'Connor, Bob Yeadon, Peter Murray, Kevin Kelleher**, and **Frank Nelson**.
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Charles Hemenway has been named the Mauvernay Research Excellence Scholar for his research on a leukemia inhibitor. An associate prof. of pediatric hematology/oncology, Chuck is a contributing member of the Tulane Cancer Center. He was awarded a $5,000 prize and delivered the Mauvernay Scholar address at a cancer drug discovery seminar in October. ✳ **Bob Rosane** is the new principal of Brookfield (Vt.) School, after serving three years as principal of the State Street School in Windsor. Bob lives in Norwich with wife Susan Milord. Stepson Angus is a student at St. Lawrence Univ. ✳ Sarah Abbe and **Jim Taylor** were married on August 31 in Healdsburg, Calif. Sarah is a former West Coast fund-raiser for Accion International, a nonprofit organization in Boston that provides financial support and training to small businesses. A psychologist, public speaker, and author, Jim's most recent book, *Positive Pushing: How to Raise a Successful and Happy Child*, was published by Hyperion in 2002. ✳ **Peter Ross** joined the Ipswich Community Band when it began in 1982, and he's still playing the trumpet. His father, Arthur Ross, who played trombone in a U.S. Army band, has also joined the band. Peter's son, Jimmy, is honing his skills on the alto saxophone to make the band a three-generation effort. At their day jobs, Peter and Arthur share space in a law office in downtown Ipswich. ✳ Noble Investment Group recently acquired Atlanta-based Stormont Hospitality Group, creating a major national company. The entire staff of Stormont Hospitality joins Noble Investment, including **Jim Stormont**, now a managing director of the new division responsible for developing opportunities. He reports that "joining forces with Noble gives us the organizational strength and experience to compete against any other hospitality organization in the country."
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Our thanks to **Brad Meiklejohn**'s brother, Scott, for forwarding some good news. The Conservation Fund in Alaska, represented by Brad, recently received the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's National Land Protection Award. Brad's office was recognized for being "instrumental in the preservation and conservation of wildlands in Alaska over the last several years. Through its efforts, acquisition of nearly 47,000 acres of inholdings were returned to the U.S. to be included in the Alaska Peninsula, Izembek, Kenai, and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuges." Scott also informs us that Brad recently completed his tenth trip (most of them solo) in the ANWR. With a master's from UVM in the field naturalist program, Brad did seven years of avalanche work out West and has been in Alaska for about 10 years. He can be reached at 2727 Hiland Rd., Eagle River, AK 99577. ✳ It was American History 101 when **Nina Koules Anton** and **Debra Raicek Mayers** (each traveling with a curious nine-year old) left husbands at home and met **Martha Oliver** in Washington, D.C., to explore our nation's capital. The highlight of the trip, thanks to **Ari Fleischer**, included private tours of the White House! Martha, who lives on Capitol Hill with husband Jeffrey Crater "87 and their daughter, is an attorney for the U.S. Department of Energy. Debra is an attorney with the Canadian hedge-fund firm Genoa Capital, Inc., based in Montreal. Nina is the director of a speaker's series for a college outside of Boston. Ari opened Ari Fleischer Communications in D.C. this fall. ✳ In Pennsylvania, Paula and **Andy Bennett** have three kids: Parker (8), Sanders (6), and Harper (4). Andy writes that "Paula recently finished her first full Iron Man Triathlon in Orlando, Fla. She was third woman overall and qualified for the World Championship in Sweden." Congratulations, Paula! ✳ Dr. **Meryl Soto-Schwarts** writes: "Living in suburbs of Cleveland with partner Melissa Soto-Schwarts, a historian and son Eli (3 in December). I'm a prof. of English at a community college east of Cleveland, where I teach multicultural literature and a variety of writing courses. When not overwhelmed by paper grading and toddler activities, we're active in local politics." ✳ **David Rogers** reports that "the custom audio/video installation company I started not long after graduating, Dallas Sight and Sound, will celebrate its 20th anniversary in April. It has come a long way since the 'DGR audio' days in Lang." ✳ **Alison McGhee**'s novel, *Shadow Baby*, about a young girl's journey of discovery was selected by the *Today Show* as the August selection for Today's Book Club. Alison is also the only two-time winner of the Minnesota Book Award.
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Tom Van de Water writes that he and "trail partners Betsy Kepes and sons Lee and Jay continue to work for the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho's Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness during the summer. As winter closes in, we teach earth science and piano (Betsy) in Canton, N.Y. Visit us for north Adirondack cross-country skiing." ✳ **Janet Montgomery Welch** is teaching math this year at Mt. Abram High School in Kingfield, Maine. ✳ **Victoria Seiden Gonin** is spending a lot more time near Middlebury, as her oldest son is attending winter term at Green Mountain Valley School in Waitsfield, Vt. ✳ **Brad Calkins** was very sorry to miss everyone at Reunion and plans to show up for the 25th. Anyway, "it was all for the best," Brad reports, "as wife Gina delivered twins Will and Ben on July 21 with no problems. They join brother Tyler (2), who is already working on his slap shot and dance moves. Since getting my MBA from Georgetown in 1990, I have been working at Rochester Midland in various jobs and cities, living in Rochester since 1994. Gina and I met in 1995 and got married in 2000. I've kept in touch with **Wayne Bulling**, who also lives in Rochester, and get together a couple of times a year with **Will Muggia** for golf in various places. Still playing a lot of guitar, as well as some paddle tennis and skiing, and looking forward to doing some hockey or soccer coaching in a few years when the lads get older." ✳ **Lise Markl Lingo** writes: "Since returning from four and a half years in Hong Kong, we've been criss-crossing the country (couldn't do road trips in Asia!) and nesting furiously (couldn't do house projects in a rented flat!). Enjoying the cleaner air, great mountain biking trails, and local white water, but missing the incredible Ultimate Frisbee scene in Asia. Happy to hook up anyone—or anyone's kids—in need of Asian connections. Also happy to be hooked up with anyone who needs writing/editing services for their business!" ✳ News from **Keli McMenamy Lynch**: "Amazingly enough, it is time for my daughter, Meaghan, to be applying to college. Midd's on the list; we will see. We are living happily in Princeton, N.J. Our five children have adjusted easily to life in the U.S. It's great to be back to American sports.

We look forward to seeing my sister, Tara McMenamy Sheahan '82, in the 2006 Olympics for X-C skiing."
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Secretary Kristen Gould Case spent most of last year writing her first coffee-table book, *Deer Valley: The Quest for Excellence.* The 200-plus-paged, four-color, veritable TOME was recently published by Mountain Sports Press and is available on Amazon.com. Kristen says the only problem with writing so much last winter was that it cut into her skiing time. (She plans to make up for that this season!) ✳ Ann and **Tom Steinle** hosted a "going away evening" for the class of 2007 recently. ✳ Marcia and **Craig Mayo** and children Liam (4.5), Josephine, and Colin (twins 22 mos.) have moved to Green Bay, Wis., where Craig is a business banker for Bank One. ✳ **Tom Hedberg** has enjoyed a few of the Twin Cities Midd gatherings. Tom lives by Lake Harriet in Minneapolis with wife Jennifer, son Brian (15), and daughters Ellie (12) and Lena (8). Tom has been making maps for over 10 years at his five-person company. You can visit at www.hedbergmaps.com. ✳ Beautiful weather (80s and sunny) and a weekend away from the sofa and parental responsibilities brought a strong gaggle of Midd '84s out for the Annual Gordie Perine shoot-out. Beyond the usual snap-hooks and four-putts, weekend highlights included the Hadley Barn wine and cheese sampler, Robinson hospitality, and Twilight Golf, which featured an upset victory by Jewett House over favored Sig Ep and Slug. ✳ **Mike Noonan** was busy guiding his charges through a new fall soccer season in Providence (only 1-0 against Columbia?). ✳ After playing in the Vineyard all summer, **Larry Stabler** was busy re-designing his new kitchen this fall. ✳ **Gene Cleaves**'s handicap is rumored to be up to a 9.0 index. Don't play Gene for money! ✳ **Bart Lombardi** has snuck back from Chicago with family in tow and now has a new consulting gig and abode in Massachusetts. ✳ **Phil Huffman** was last heard from white-water rafting in Colorado and Utah. ✳ **Debbie Cliff MacKay** is "looking forward to a reunion with hallmates from freshman year, Battell South. I have received biographical information from many alums, but would like to hear from **Susan Morelli, Gloria Maroti, Sally Lindwall Knutzen, Nora Cregan**, and **Anne Conway Juster** at gdmackay@yahoo.com. We are assembling a collection of names, addresses, and brief histories of life after Midd." ✳ Start making plans and scheduling flights for our 20th Reunion, June 4-6, 2004. For those who remember our 15th, recent graduates still marvel at the partying abilities of the amazing Class of '84. Once again we will set records for class participation, boat races, and creating fun for the whole Midd '84 family.
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Nick Hahn recently became the managing director of the consumer products practice of Vivaldi Partners, a global marketing and brand strategy consultancy. Nick has a lot of experience in growing brands at Capco, Coca-Cola, and Johnson & Johnson.
—Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (dsailer@disasterkleenup.com), 2237 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

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Secretary Morehouse reports: Congratulations to **Charlotte Lindsay Maybury**. Charlotte writes: "I'm only two years out of date . . . but in June 2001, I married a wonderful man, Simon Maybury. **Barbara Curtis Short** was at the wedding as the official stress reducer!" Simon, originally from England, works for Computer Associates. The Mayburys live in Golden, Colo., where Charlotte teaches French and Spanish at Golden High School. Even more daring, every spring, she takes a group of 60 juniors rafting down the Yampa and Green rivers in Dinosaur National Monument in NW Colorado. ✳ Farther out west, **Kathy Angstadt Umbanhower** has adventures of another kind as head of music video production at Interscope Geffen A&M Records in L.A. "I am in charge of making music videos here at the label, so I work with artists like No Doubt, Sheryl Crow, Sting, Weezer, U2, Counting Crows, Beck." Home life includes husband John Umbanhower (Carlton '91), an architect with his own business, and son Mathew. ✳ And **Paul Brochu** has traded in Hawaii for a one-year fellowship with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Response Team in Edison, N.J. Friends who want to get in touch with him should e-mail pbrochu@post.harvard.edu. ✳ **Robert Neis** is an associate in the Atlanta office of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP. Before concentrating his practice on employee benefits, he was a litigator focusing on insurance and labor issues. ✳ **Becky Spahr Frazier** and husband Graehm welcomed daughter Alison Spahr Frazier on August 12. She joins brother Quint and sister Liza at home in Conshohocken, Pa. Congratulations, Frazier family! ✳ Want to find out about the black Jewish community in the U.S.? Just ask **Ben Levy.** Rabbi Sholomo Ben Levy is president and spiritual leader of Beth Elohim Inc., a black synagogue in Saint Albans, N.Y. In a recent *International Jerusalem Post* article, Ben explains why it's so hard to pin down how many black Jews there are—estimates range from 40,000 to 500,000, depending on how strict the definition of Jewish is—and he explains the religious movement's history. Among Ben's points: Many African Americans who are Jewish claim an affinity with the Hebrews in the Old Testament and grew up in families which had some Jewish traditions—like observing Shabbat or not eating pork. Some families may have gotten their traditions from West African tribes, that had customs similar to Judaism, others perhaps from Jewish slave-owning families. Chief Rabbi Wentworth Arthur Matthew, who founded the Commandment Keepers Ethiopian Hebrew Congregation in 1919 and who taught and ordained many rabbis of U.S. synagogues, worked to bring pride to people who, according to Ben, "were being humiliated through institutionalized racism and cultural bigotry." ✳ **Sam Silver**, a partner in the Philadelphia law firm Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, recently led his team to a big court-room victory, getting a client's death-row sentence changed to life in prison. This was the second time in three years that Sam won a resentencing case. In the more recent case, Sam had represented Florencio Rolan—on death row for a 1983 shooting—since 1994, when he fought successfully for the man's stay of execution. "It is rare to be able to turn a case around like this," said Schnader Chairman Ralph G. Wellington, in a press release. Sam chairs the law firm's product liability and mass tort practice group. He also specializes in health care, banking, intellectual property issues, and represents equestrians in matters involving horses. In pro bono work, he concentrates on capital punishment cases. ✳ **Adam Silverman** writes that he is "happy and living in West Hartford, Conn., with wife Leslie, twins Robert and Gabriella (6) and daughter Julia (4). I am working at the Univ. of Connecticut Health Center as an internist and medical educator. Would love to hear from old classmates (asilverman@uchc.edu).
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Nancy Ilgenfritz Horton recently "moved back and settled (?) into Bethesda, Md., after six and a half years overseas—Kazakstan, Moldova, and Lithuania. Doing the stay-at-home mom thing with Thomas (9), Peter (7), and Anna (1), and plenty busy." ✳ **Jerome Villalba** reports he is "still at Merrill Lynch after 16 years!" He lives in NYC with wife Maria and their three children (ages 9, 7, and 3). ✳ **Tom Funk** is the Webmaster of Vermont Teddy Bear Company and lives in Bristol with wife Elizabeth. They recently welcomed third daughter Louisa, who joins Hannah (5) and Molly (3). They're also raising chickens for fun.
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Karin Kurchak Olson and husband Ed welcomed second child Cara Deming Olson on October 24, 2001. Karin reports: "I am trying to write my dissertation for my doctorate in psychoanalysis. We did not make it to the reunion, but are trying to keep in touch with Midd people through e-mail." ✳ For the seventh year, **Michael Obel-Omia** rode the 100-mile bicycle route of the Rodman Ride for Kids on September 20. He became involved in the ride as a member of the board of directors of the Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps. The Rodman Ride for Kids raises money for the RFK Action Corps and other organizations that support family, school, and community services such as counseling and treatment for abused children, residential care for troubled children and adolescents, educational day care, and job-training. ✳ **Tetyana Bisyk** writes that she is "still living in Brooklyn with boyfriend David Cloyd and working for the president of Cushman & Wakefield. I will soon be moving with my boss to start his own company somewhere else in NYC. David may soon be going on the road with his band, Good Evening. I have also been regularly hanging out with Brooke Capps '97 and Julie Culver '00."
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Pete and **Kris Eardensohn Stelter** recently moved to East Lyme, Conn. Pete works for General Dynamics-Electric Boat in Groton and Kris is a stay-at-home mom for Gretchen (4.5) and Erik (2.5). Kris has gotten together with **Eric** and **Cathy Butts Vikstrom** and their kids, Lars (4) and Annika (1.5), who live

in Bridgewater, Conn. Cathy and Kris also had a mini-reunion with **Laura Zink Torresan** and her family, when the Torresans made a trip back to Massachusetts from their home in northern California. ✷ **Kirsten Orcutt Singleton** is now the executive director of the New Hampshire Psychological Assoc. A founding member of the New Hampshire Mental Health Coalition, she has served four terms on the National Council of Executives for State and Provincial Psychological Associations. ✷ "After an eight-year hiatus in Chicago," writes **Suzi Black Beck** (hsbeck@comcast.net), "I left my job as a partner in a law firm to join an insurance claims management company in Manchester, N.H. Life could not get any better than coming back to the mountains! I am especially pleased to be able to raise sons Spencer (4) and Liam (born 12/1/02) in New England. I happened to bump into **Chris Dube** (literally) playing softball in a Manchester company league. He stays in touch with **T.R. Lazo** and Tania Lee. I would love to hear from old friends, especially **Martha Heard Doyle**." ✷ On September 3, daughter Hannah Riggs Reilly joined parents **Jim** and **Catherine Eells Reilly** and brothers Sam and Ben. Catherine writes: "Our house is total bedlam, but lots of fun!" ✷ The long-awaited opening of Midd's new library will take place this summer. Luckily we will be having our 15th Reunion June 4-6, so we will be among the first to get to see it. According to our sources, the building is impressive. Students will have access to a new world of research tools, as well as those that we had while we were on campus. In the process of constructing the new building and landscaping the area around it, several trees needed to be moved and our Class of 1989 tree was one of them. When we arrive on campus in June, we will find our mountain ash has been carefully transplanted to a spot near the southwest corner of Warner Hall. Please get your reservations made for June!

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Rachel Schofer is in Yemen as Deputy Section Chief of the Consular Section. She reports that Yemen is "a fascinating and beautiful country." ✷ **Paul English** recently visited NYC with wife Gaelle and baby daughter Madeleine. They live in Paris. ✷ **Trilby Sheeser** is an admissions adviser at a medical vocational school in Los Angeles. ✷ **Ray Paczkowski**, who plays with a Burlington band named Vorzca, was on the *Tonight* show recently. ✷ A recent episode of *While You Were Out* featured a guy redoing a room for his wife in their Vermont home. Entitled "Burlington: Royal Persian Sanctuary," the episode featured **Chip** and **Shireen Tabesh Hart**. Thanks to Gene Swift '94 for spotting this on TV. ✷ During the summer, **Rachel Wigglesworth** worked at the Teton National Park in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and taught at the Teton Science School. ✷ In D.C., **Tim Berry** moved up from chief aide for house floor operations to chief of staff last summer. Tim's boss is Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-Texas). ✷ **Sue Oddsen** is living in Minnesota, trying to adjust to life away from Alaska. ✷ In Marshfield, Wis., **Terence Chapman** has joined the Marshfield Clinic as a urologist. He moved to Wisconsin from Rhode Island, where he was an assistant prof. of surgery at Brown Univ. Medical School and in private practice at University Urologic Associates in East Providence. ✷ The June 21 marriage of **Amy Leith** and Chris Robinson took place in Manchester, Vt. Amy is the marketing manager at the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc., in NYC. A prof. and anthropologist, Chris spent the summer field season in Tanzania, Africa. ✷ **Laura Appleton Smith** writes from Lyme, N.H., where she lives with husband Terry and "three horses, a miniature donkey, two golden retrievers, and one fat cat, Bailey, who I've had since Middlebury. Terry and I work together for our educational children's book company, Flyleaf Publishing, for which I have written 15 books. This winter we are taking our business on the road to live in Aspen, Colo., for a few months. All in all, life is good!" ✷ Nicolaj and **Sue Menzel Andersen** are living in Connecticut now with son Lucas (4.5) and identical twin daughters Emilia and Megan (3). She enjoys staying home with the kids, while Nicolaj is a fellow at Yale in oncology. He'll be an attending physician in two years. Sue writes that her sister, **Barbara Menzel Beebe** "is still too far away in California, but that's what happens when one marries a Dane and the other a Californian! They have three kids now, too, and are well." ✷ Also out in California, **Sarah Fangman** is the research coordinator of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. Sarah was recently spotted sitting in the Deep Worker, the submersible vehicle she uses for research dives in her work as a marine biologist. Sarah's cool photo and career profile are included in the March/April page of the *Women Who Dare 2004 Engagement Calendar.* ✷ **Annie Janeway** has returned to our alma mater as director of alumni and parent programs. Annie started work in October, and she looks forward to seeing classmates both on campus and around the country when she travels. Annie's office is in the former Sig Ep house and she lives in close proximity to KDR. "It's great being back at Midd—and this time there is no homework or exams." Annie was pleased to see a spirited bunch of 1990s at Homecoming this year.

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Patrick Phillips is the new head of upper school at Charlotte (N.C.) Country Day School. He had been head of upper school at Westchester Academy in High Point, N.C. He lives in South Charlotte with wife Ainslie and children Taylor (3) and Grayson (1.5). ✷ **Ralph William Boone** (M.A. Russian '95) runs a very successful housing assistance clinic for Russian speakers in the heavily Russian Richmond district of San Francisco. In addition, he teaches Russian language and history in the post-secondary division of the Delancy Street Foundation. Continuing his singing career, he was recently hired by Disney to be part of the promo for the San Francisco production of *The Lion King.* ✷ **Tom Chambers** managed to find "the endangered species of academe," a tenure-track job in the humanities: "I'm teaching early American history at Niagara Univ. in lovely Niagara Falls, N.Y. Smithsonian Institution Press published my book on class formation and sectionalism at 19c resorts this past fall and it's actually sold a few hundred copies. People might actually read *Thirteen Colonies*, a guidebook to historic sites published in July by Fodors, for which I am the lead author. But most important, my wife, Anne Ward, and I welcomed a healthy son, Theodore Ward Chambers, on January 16, 2003." ✷ Bob and **Page Dickinson Edmunds** welcomed second daughter Lucy in April 2003, joining Charlotte (3 in January). Page is "working at Workman Publishing and enjoying NYC—more about the Central Park Zoo these days than about culture or nightlife, but still..." ✷ **Paul Wilcox** and wife Mary are proud to announce the arrival of daughter Anna Aurelia on May 7, 2003. ✷ It has been quite an eventful few years for **Tara Nells Capobianco**: "I received my MBA from the Tuck School at Dartmouth and joined the NorthBridge Group, a small economic and strategic consulting firm located in the suburbs of Boston. In May 2003 I married Ross Capobianco; our Chappaqua, N.Y., wedding was attended by **Jennifer Duncan Hurtado** and **Jeffrey Smith**. ✷ Josephine Casey and **Douglas Lindgren** were married in West Nyack, N.Y., in July. She is the director of finance for the children's book group of HarperCollins Publishers in Manhattan. Until recently, Doug was a consultant in the New York office of WhittmanHart, an information technology consulting firm.

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Kim Holt, a project coordinator at the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership in Boston, led the team of organizers of the fifth annual Partnering for Recovery and Rehabilitation conference in May. Over 800 people attended the event. ✷ **Patty Garffer** has returned to D.C. from her Brazil stint with the Nature Conservancy. She recently returned from 10 days hiking in the Utah backcountry. ✷ **David Freeland, Curt Boeschenstein**, Kathy Porter, and **Fred Lawrence** joined Marissa and **Michael Summersgill** for a cross-training/catch-summer-by-the-tail weekend on Lake Winnipesaukee, N.H., in August. ✷ **Kevin Tyldesley** and wife Marah Stets abandoned Brooklyn for the serene suburban streets of Silver Springs, Md., with children Marlena (3) and Logan (1). Kevin continues working for a restaurant-related Internet company; Marah is a cookbook editor. ✷ **J.J. Gilmartin** almost got published in the *NY Post*, attended **Steve Schrodel**'s wedding in Manchester, has been in touch with **Brian Good**, and recently bought a place in Hancock, Vt. (minutes from the Midd Snow Bowl), with **Chuck Buck**, **Bryn Buck**, and **Steve Schrodel**. ✷ Julie and **Dylan Dimock**, of Wilmington, N.C., became the parents of Alan Spencer Dimock on August 30. Dylan teaches U.S. history and is the head football and lacrosse coach at Ashley High School in Wilmington. ✷ Knut and **Campbell Barrett Hellandsvik** welcomed Oscar Alexander in late May. They live in London, where Campbell is enjoying the "European" version of maternity leave—up to 12 months of leave with job security! She works in the marketing department of Inmarsat, a satellite company. Campbell often gets together with **Sarah Cameron**, who moved to London a year ago, and **Chris Bushey**, who tied the knot with fellow ex-pat Richard Leggett on August 9. The Leggetts plan to return to the U.S. at some point, but are enjoying London and great travel opportunities. Rich works at Goldman Sachs in London; Chris was looking for a new career outside of finance. ✷ Congratulations to **Charlie** and **Bryn Neubert Buck** on the arrival of Madeleine last summer. Little Madeleine's social schedule was quite full already, from attending weddings to meeting lots of friends at Isis

Maternity in Boston. ✷ **Luke** and **Christine Roberts Wennik** announce the birth of second child, Phoebe Josephine on August 13. She's bathing in the adoration of older brother Matthew (2.5). Christine is a senior account executive at Imagitas in Waltham, Mass.; Luke is a senior graphic designer at Brookstone in Nashua, N.H. ✷ **Marlena Faxon** and Steve Cox welcomed daughter Izabel in June. Ben, Izabel's older brother, is talking up a storm. Steve graduated from Babson business school in May; Marlena is working with Isis Maternity. ✷ In NYC, **Pat** and Ashley Kincheloe '93 **Dyson** are overjoyed to report the arrival of daughter Sadie in September. ✷ **Sheilah Kane** and Juan Carlos Weiss, married three years ago, live in NYC, where Sheilah practices law at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. ✷ **Fawn Horvath** (fhorvath@halldickler.com) is living in NYC, where she practices intellectual property law with a mid-sized law firm. ✷ **Heather Van Epps** moved to NYC just one month before 9/11. She's working at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, doing an infectious disease research fellowship. Heather reports that **Gilda Smart** is also living in NYC with husband Chris Picotte and two mini-Daschshunds, Dot and Grover. Heather is also in touch with **Corky Mather** in Maui, where she's teaching swimming and doing computer programming work. Heather also reports that **Steph Ruby** and husband Derek Eletich welcomed son Nicolas on June 27, 2003. Steph is an associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto, Calif. ✷ Ditching life as a NYC investment banker, **Jennifer Kaufman** relocated to Denver last year just in time for ski season. Now the CFO of a small start-up company, she bought a house in Denver and a black lab puppy, named Glory. Last summer she ran the Hood to Coast relay race (from Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood to Seaside Oregon), a 196-mile 12-man relay event. She also completed the Imogene Pass run (17 miles over a mountain pass near Telluride). ✷ In Telluride, Colo., Cedric and **Karen Olsen Byrom** welcomed daughter Margrete on June 26. She joined sister Hailey (3), who is busy training for intramural ice hockey. Karen works for the ski area, doing accounting and administration for the mountain dining departments. ✷ At the Univ. of Colo., **Trygue Hutto** (tryguehutto@hotmail.com) is in his second year of anesthesiology residency. Trygue and wife Heather live in Denver with their Bernese Mountain Dog, Henry. ✷ **Kingman Gordon**, the proud papa of an enormous Newfoundland named Clyde, is accepting volunteer dog walkers in the San Francisco area. **Tish O'Mara** and her husband live in the area, but don't have time to walk Clyde because they have twins! Kingman reports that he and **Pete Walsh** attended the August 2003 nuptials of **Christian Faber** in New York. The newlyweds are living in London, where Christian is a trader. ✷ Jen Cote '87 and **Derek Harwell** also got married in August 2003. They live in northern California. ✷ **Brian Huff** is living in San Francisco with wife Laura and son Nolan (1). He's enjoying his job at Del Monte. ✷ Also in California, **Matt Cevallos** (mdcevallos@earthlink.net) misses the cold winters at Midd. He would like to hear from swim team friends.

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Andy and **Kim Griffith Hyland** moved to London in September with daughters Courtney (2.5) and Taylor (10 mos). He writes: "I am a trader at Vicario Capital Llc, a mid-sized hedge fund. We look forward to living abroad and exploring the continent for the next few years." ✷ **Dan Weill** writes: "I am basically living a glamorous Rockstar NYC lifestyle and have founded an international event communications/PR company called StarNYC.com based in NYC, London, and Amsterdam. I am also doing a lot of charity work. Currently I am designing a Web site for Safe Space, a children's charity, www.safespacenyc.org. A couple of Midd people are on the junior council of that, as well." ✷ **Tom Wallace** is pleased to note that the Samba Classics he has had since he was a sophomore have become stylish again. He wears them out, literally, in NYC, where he has lived since 1998, working in marketing communications and being perpetually single. ✷ Get in touch with **Marc Pina** if you're interested in buying or selling real estate in the Washington, D.C., area. Now a real estate agent licensed in Virginia and D.C., Marc can be reached at marc@marcpina.com. ✷ **Buck Wallace** writes from Jackson Hole, Wyo., where he is an emergency physician for Emergency Medicine of Jackson Hole: "I had an awesome crash on my mountain bike a few weeks ago and came into my own E.R. as a trauma. I broke my clavicle, scapula, ribs, and pelvis. Some surgery later, I am back and eager to snowboard in a few weeks!" ✷ Sounds like Buck should check with **Patrick Casey**, who completed an orthopaedic residency at Emory School of Medicine and a fellowship in sports medicine at the American Sports Medicine Institute. Patrick is now a sports medicine specialist at Concord (N.H.) Orthopaedics. ✷ **Scott McComb** spent the summer riding bikes and surfing in North Carolina and Costa Rica. He also helped train the latest group of Teach for America Corps members in the Bronx. Scott reports that he was awarded a $90,000 NSF grant to continue working with OSU's Environmental Molecular Science Institute. ✷ **Brian Welch** (welchb@stolaf.edu) lives in Northfield, Minn., with wife Sue and son Patrick (2). Brian is an assistant prof./postdoctoral fellow at St. Olaf College, teaching environmental studies and conducting research in Antarctica. He recently gave a talk at the Midd geology dept, summarizing his recent work. A permanent faculty position back in the New England area is his goal. ✷ **Andrew Wiemeyer** and wife Kim are living in Duxbury, Mass., with baby Katie (10 mos.). Andrew is practicing dentistry with his father. ✷ **Jamie Visina** (james@complianceresearch.com) took over Hong Kong and is now taking over Wall Street as senior partner at Compliance Search Grp. He specializes in financial compliance officers & attorneys. ✷ **Kristin Ketterer** and Robert Oden were married on August 16 in Woodstock, Vt. Kristin is a publicity consultant to nonprofit organizations in Houston. With a master's in acting from the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco, she has appeared in regional theater and Off Off Broadway shows. Her husband works in the Houston office of Bear, Stearns & Company, where he is an associate director for energy investments. ✷ The August 30 marriage of Alaine Farley and **Matthew Grossman** took place in Santa Barbara, Calif. Alaine is a marketing manager at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif.; Matt is the director for digital strategy for the Motion Picture Association of America. ✷ **Kiley Walsh Symonds** and husband Jeff (M.A. Bread Loaf '00) were thrilled to welcome William Walsh Symonds on June 23. Living in Marin County, Calif., Kiley is policy director of the Bay Area School Reform Collaborative in San Francisco and Jeff is senior dean at the Branson School in Ross.

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Chris Marshall and wife Anje live in San Francisco's Presidio, "right across from Baker Beach—awesome location for us and the dog!" Anje teaches Pilates at Golden Gate Pilates and the San Francisco Ballet. She also dances with Flyaway Productions, an aerial dance company. Chris travels to regional theatres, including (in the past year) American Players Theatre and Milwaukee Repertory Theatre in Wisconsin and Riverside Theatre in Florida. ✷ **Anna Belknap** is appearing as Lily, the rookie undercover agent on *The Handler* on CBS. Anna and Eric Siegel, who were married in August, are living in L.A. ✷ **Dave Collard**, who recently returned from promoting *Out of Time* at the Toronto Film Festival, is working on a new project for Disney. He said he spent four years writing the *Out of Time* script at night, while working on the animated series *Family Guy* during the day. ✷ **Christine Waasdorp** welcomes mail at christine.waasdorp@hotmail.com. She recently arrived in Korea to work at Camp Humphrey's as the officer in charge of the medical facility, in addition to setting up a new pediatrics clinic for the growing American military population. ✷ **Victoria Hughes** is the new curator of education at the Huguenot Historical Society in New Paltz, N.Y. With a master's in museum education from George Washington Univ., Victoria's positions have included education coordinator for the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, interpreter at the Shelburne Museum, and high school social studies teacher. ✷ In July, **Amanda Stine Young** started her emergency medicine residency in Portland, Maine. Amanda lives in Portland with husband **John** and daughter Ireland Elizabeth, who was born on August 18, 2002. ✷ Wendy Rhoads and **Paolo Costa** were married August 16 in Wayne, Pa. In NYC, Wendy is a senior account manager for First Moments, a unit of AOL Time Warner, and Paolo is a bond analyst at Morgan Stanley. ✷ On May 10, **Andy Bozzo** and wife Molly had their first child, son Luca Thomas Bozzo. Andy is still living in Tacoma, Wash., where he works for the Tacoma Fire Department on *Ladder 3*. Andy notes that he looks forward to seeing everyone at next year's reunion and would love to hear from his Midd friends at a_bozzo@hotmail.com. ✷ **Matt Goebel** and wife Roxy welcomed daughter Phoebe Frances on May 16. Big brother Will (3) is excited to teach her how to kick a soccer ball and throw a baseball. Matt works for technology consulting firm Accenture in Chicago. ✷ Quinn Elizabeth Keeney joined Mark and **Caroline Clutz Keeney** on August 23. The Keeney family lives in Salt Lake City. ✷ For news of a new scholarship in memory of **Chase Byron**, please turn to the class notes for the Bread Loaf School of English.

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Newsmakers

MAXINE ATKINS SMITH (M.A. FRENCH '50) was one of two people to receive the 2003 Freedom Award from the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee. Along with former president Bill Clinton (the other honoree), Smith was feted at a ceremony at Memphis's historic Peabody Hotel in October. "She brought commitment, courage, and genuine concern [to the civil rights movement]," said Johnnie Turner, executive director of the memphis branch of the NAACP. ""When you're talking about the movement, you're talking about Maxine."

KEVIN MATSON '80 was one of 600 American educatiors selected to share cultural and academic experiences with Japanese government officials as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Matson teaches math at the Moses Brown School in Providence, Rhode Island

MICHAEL DWYER (M.A. ENGLISH '94) was named Vermont's 2004 teacher of the year by the Vermont Department of Education. A social studies and English teacher at Otter Valley Union High School in Brandon, Dwyer becomes Vermont's candidate for the National Teacher Award, sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

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Anna Nolin (annanolin@aol.com) and Ben Halpern '93 welcomed son Ethan Benjamin Nolin-Halpern on January 30, 2003. They live in Hopkinton, Mass., where Ben works for State Street Bank and Anna recently switched jobs, leaving the classroom after seven years to become vice principal of the Wilson Middle School in Natick, Mass. ✷ Joe and **Amy Bertelsen Thieman** are happy to announce the arrival of son Luke last spring. They are living in Palo Alto, Calif., where Amy is teaching PT in the high school and Joe is practicing law. ✷ **Kaycee Cherashore** has completed a master's in art and art education from Teachers College, Columbia Univ. She now teaches art in Pelham Public Schools, while living in Manhattan. ✷ Last spring, **David Barlow** received rave reviews for his performance as Nijinsky in *Romola and Nijinsky* at Primary Stages in NYC. ✷ **Brian** and **Kristina Hand Perry**, who were married January 9, 2003, are living in Colorado Springs, Colo. ✷ **Susan Moulton** married Sid Evans on May 24. A graduate of American University's Law School, Susan has begun work in the special litigation unit for the NYC Corporation Counsel. ✷ **Tyana Freyer** and Scott Kurtz were married at the Shenorock Shore club in Rye, N.Y., on September 20. Living in NYC, Tyana is a marketing manager in the cardiovascular therapy group of Pfizer and Scott is a VP for private wealth management at Goldman Sachs. ✷ On October 4, **Julie Fisher** had a commitment ceremony with her partner Patti Dardinski at the Seven Hills Inn in Lenox, Mass. Living in Pittsfield, Mass., Julie and Patti both work at the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health. ✷ Still living in northeastern Vermont, **Victoria Von Hessert** is "making cheese and working at a local inn. Home ownership has its ups and downs, but life is good." She would love to hear from friends at vvonhessert@yahoo.com. ✷ **Janine Zacharia**, Washington bureau chief for the *Jerusalem Post*, gave a talk on the situation in the Middle East this fall in DeWitt, N.Y. ✷ Executive director of Lake Champlain Bikeways **Janine Hetherington** is overseeing a 350-mile network of bike routes around Lake Champlain. Six circuits are planned in Addison County, each themed to correspond with a particular historical, cultural, or environmental aspect of the county. ✷ **Ryan Sullivan**, an assistant coach for Bowdoin's football team, was recently named co-head coach of the Bowdoin College softball team. ✷ **Sarah Martin** has been named associate head coach of the women's lacrosse team at Dartmouth College. She writes: "My partner and I have bought a house in Hanover, N.H. It is so fun seeing all the Middlebury alums in Hanover." Last fall, she couldn't wait to "get back to Midd to watch our rockin' field hockey team play!"

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In July, several Middlebury friends gathered at the home of Jim '62 and Carol Holmes Shattuck '67 in Middlebury. The group included **Alex Dessouky**, **Bain Smith**, **Sam Martini**, **Zack Free**, **Kari Rolph**, **Courtney Slautterback**, **Steph King Lemke**, **Billy Coster**, Pic Walker '93, and **Megan Shattuck**. They hiked up to the Falls of Llana, celebrated Bain's birthday at Mr. Ups, drank Otter Creek on the porch as the sun went down, ate creemees outside Baba's, fit in some tennis outside Proctor, and went swimming at Dog Team. It was a wonderful reunion in typical Middlebury fashion! Courtney works for the *Financial Times* and Megan is still covering the White House for CNN. With this issue, we welcome Megan as co-secretary and send our thanks to **Mo Renganathan** for his great work during the years since graduation. ✷ After working for six years for two different San Francisco Bay area education companies, **John Maycock** is moving back East to get his master's in education at Harvard in a school leadership program. ✷ **Tonya Eza** has moved to St. Louis, Mo., where she is attending Concordia Seminary for her M.A. and to become a deaconess in the Lutheran Church. ✷ **Sarah Erdman**, who is a placement officer at Peace Corps Headquarters, recently had a book published. It's titled *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha: Two Years in the Heart of an African Village*. ✷ After four years of working at Burton Snowboards in Burlington, Vt., and riding every morning at Stowe, **Billy Coster** has spent two years as stewardship coordinator for the conservation program at the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board in Montpelier. He develops policies and guidelines for the use and management of publicly funded conservation land in the state. Billy (bcoster@vhcb.org) lives in Stowe and still gets a few runs in before work. ✷ Daryl DeValerio and **Christopher Andrews** were married at the Carnegie Abbey Club in Portsmouth on May 24. Chris is studying for an MBA at Georgetown Univ. in D.C. ✷ On August 31, Jackie Kelley and **Shamoil Shipchandler** were married in Dallas, Texas. Midd attendees included **Rachel Shapiro**, **Scott Goldman**, **Jane Halladay**, and **Peter Schermerhorn** and his wife, Sherry Sebesta (M.A. Spanish '02). Scott and Jane are in L.A.; Rachel, Peter and Sherry live in Boston. ✷ Beth Sawyer (Bates '96) and **Kevin Creeden** were married at the Lighthouse Inn on Cape Cod on September 12. Many Middlebury friends were on hand to help them celebrate, including **Jess Angell, Amy Atwood, Andrew Kvaal, Mike** and **Debbie Bailey Kreuzer, Joel** and **Sacha Quijano Grippando, Samy Khalil, Mike Kreisel, Dave Herzberg, Derek Brown, Scott Jones,** and **Josh Walker.** The newlyweds live in Boston, where Kevin works at Thomson Financial in global account management and Beth is a physician's assistant at the Breast Cancer Center of Mass General. ✷ Margaret Howell (Williams '96) and **Rob Lawrence** were married in Chicago on September 20. Their reception was at the Saddle and Cycle Club of Chicago. Many Midd friends attended, including **Chad Stern** and **Josh Sobeck,** who were groomsmen; **John Maycock** and **Cheryl Kozlowski**, who were readers; and guests **Pete Dougherty, Amanda Dickson, Ned Greene, Eliza Burke, Josh Walker, Andrew Mitchell,** and **Dan Cantrell.** Margaret is an associate at Pilot House Ventures in Boston, while Rob is a senior consultant at Balanced Scorecard Collaborative, a boutique consulting firm in Lincoln, Mass. ✷ **Amanda Gordon** and Jonathan Fletcher (Hamilton '96) were also married on September 20. Their wedding took place in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York, where Amanda spent her summers growing up. The flowers in the church were dedicated in loving memory of **Jeff Bittner**. Despite Hurricane Isabel, many Midd friends were in attendance (see photo elsewhere). After the wedding, Amanda moved to Iowa City, Iowa, where Fletch is a first-year MBA student at the Univ. of Iowa's Tippie School of Business. ✷ **John** and **Lindsay Lutton Sterling** welcomed daughter Eleanor DeNell Sterling on August 10. They are living in Freeport, Maine. ✷ **Ben Lucas** reports the arrival of Katahdin Benjamin Lucas (Kai) on September 29: "He was 3.5 weeks early, but both he and Sarah are doing great."

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Carrie Huxford Peltier graduated from Northeastern Univ. School of Law last May. Carrie lives in Boston, where she is clerking for the Massachusetts Superior Courts this fall. ✷ **Faith Knapp**, who received her medical degree from Univ. of Conn. School of Medicine, has won a spot on the Hunterdon Medical Center's ✷ Family Practice Residency Program. Faith was born at HMC and her father, Burton Knapp '69, was in the residency class of 1976. Faith has an extensive history of vol-

unteerism, including working with adults with developmental disabilities, migrant farm workers, and other social agencies. ✷ **Leslie Graham** (leslie_graham@hotmail.com) recently finished her master's and moved to Cape Cod. She's working at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole. ✷ **Becca Dunning** (M.A. Spanish '99) left for Ecuador last July to become a health extension volunteer with the Peace Corps. ✷ Over the Fourth of July in Boston, **Amy Wlodarski** got together with **Hana Rubin**, **Jenna Mason-Plunkett**, and **Wendy Goyert**. Jenna is doing her medical residency in Providence, R.I.; Hana is working for a nonprofit environmental consulting agency in Seattle; and Wendy is working for the Nature Conservancy in D.C. ✷ **Lilia Gerberg** recently returned from Costa Rica where she was studying Spanish in Nicoya, in Guanacaste Province. There were only four other people in the program, one of whom was **Liz Aybar**! Speaking Spanish the entire time, they had a great time together, "hiking to volcanoes and waterfalls and learning how to dance salsa, merenge, and cumbia." ✷ **Jessica Weinstock** has been living in L.A. and recently started USC's Marshall School of Business, MBA Program. ✷ Midd chapter events brought friends from Boston and NYC together this fall. The band Spacecake, featuring **Bill Noto** on the drums, was playing at the Sky Bar in Somerville, Mass., in early October. Later in October they were playing at the Bitter End in NYC. Playing in NYC's Tobacco Road in October, the Grift features **Clint Bierman** on guitar, Neil Mathews '96 on drums, and **Jeff Valone** on bass/turntables. ✷ We have many Middlebury marriages to report! ✷ **Jessica Epstein** and Shane Baron were married in Boston on June 28, 2003. **Amy Diller** served as maid of honor; Claudine Safar '96 and Jill Wertheim were also in the wedding party. With her master's in teaching from Tufts (2001), Jessica teaches eighth grade science in the Belmont, Mass., Public Schools; Shane (a UVM graduate, originally from Holland, Pa.) is an assistant project manager with Garrison Square Management in Boston. The newlyweds are living in Cambridge. ✷ **Sarah Ibbotson** and **Nick Owsley** were married in Aspen, Colo., on July 12. The wedding party included **Liza Ward, Alyson Whitmer Tierney,** Jon Owsley '92, **Nick Wilkoff,** and **Zach Hallowell**. Other Midds at the wedding were **Keith Liljegren, Mike Bender, Shawn Tierney, Jocelyn Nill, Katie Lillich Hallowell**, and **Katie Rosin Green**. Katie is the director of media relations at the New Denver Civic Theatre. Interested in working on productions? Write katie@siblingentertainment.biz. ✷ Anne Goessling and **Rob Birdsong** were married on July 19 at the Denver Country Club. In the wedding were **Andy Jessen**, **Matt Ralston**, **Brian Hubbard**, **Jeff Rea**, **Dave Smith**, and **Jackie Pelton**. Midd Kids celebrating in Denver for the weekend included **Karen Lewis Jacobs**, Suzanne Daley '96, **Meg Macy**, **Tracy Nolan**, **Jon Nass**, **Katie Rosin Green**, **Elisabeth Wynn**, **Catherine Herrick**, **Jamee Field**, Jed '99 and **Amy Flanders Harris**, Steve '94 and Andress Beck Pettibone '98, and **Dan Drake**. ✷ Another Colorado wedding took place on September 13, when Julie Smith and **Matt Ralston** were married at the Peaceful Valley Ranch. There to celebrate and ride the mechanical bull were **Rob Birdsong**, **Dave Smith**, **Jeff Rea**, **Brian Hubbard**, **Andy Jessen**, **Karen Lewis Jacobs**, **Laura Wright McCray**, Jed '99 and **Amy Flanders Harris**, **Greg Carolan**, and **Liz Aybar**. ✷ On September 20, **Olivia Severs** married Sam Poor at a beautiful

Unfortunately we did not win enough at Vegas to cover all wedding expenses. Catherine Veach '98

wedding in Chatham, New York. In NYC, Olivia is the director of admissions and an English teacher at the High School of Fashion Industries and Sam is an advertising sales planner at Home & Garden Television. ✷ The marriage of **Amy DiAdamo** and Franklin Foster '98 took place in Warren, Vt., on September 27. (Midd photo in future issue.) Amy is a liaison between first-year students and faculty members at Harvard Medical School in Boston. Frank is an associate at NEBC, mergers and acquisitions advisers in Providence, R.I. ✷ Finally, I (Jackie) have left my position at the South Boston Neighborhood House to be the technology teacher at a new K-8 Boston Public School in Roxbury, the Orchard Gardens Pilot School. While every day brings new challenges, it is extremely rewarding as well. I'm still president of the Boston Middlebury Alumni Assoc., for all you greater Boston classmates. Feel free to contact me if you're looking to organize Middlebury events in the area. We look forward to hearing more from all of you!
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José Ruiz was recently appointed director of diversity at Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn. A member of the class of 1994 at Westminster School, José returned to Westminster as a member of the admissions office and a coach for track, football, and basketball. He also helped found Montage Diversity Consultants to assist independent schools in diversity recruitment. José and wife Carol live on the campus, where they supervise a corridor of boys. During the summer, he's studying for his master's in education at Teacher's College, Columbia Univ. ✷ **Stephi Hill** promised Hugh Marlow '57 that she would hang a Midd banner in her bar in Zanzibar. She reports that "it is all going very well, and I am busy and happy. So no complaints this side." ✷ **Tetyana Bisyk** writes that she is "still living in Brooklyn with boyfriend David Cloyd and working for the president of Cushman & Wakefield. I will soon be moving with my boss to start his own company somewhere else in NYC. David may soon be going on the road with his band, Good Evening. I have also been regularly hanging out with Brooke Capps '97 and Julie Culver '00." ✷ **Aubrey Cattell** decided to leave his job at Autodesk and go back to school. He moved from the Bay Area to Chicago this summer and began classes in the dual JD-MBA program at Northwestern Law School and the Kellogg School of Management. Living in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago, he and Cindy Comprelli were dreading the impending winter, so anyone living nearby should get in touch to reassure them that it's not so bad (acattell2006@law.northwestern.edu). ✷ **Shruthi Mahalingaiah** reports that **Laurie Gagnon** and **Greg Burkett** came to her housewarming party. ✷ **Katherine Inglis Joyce** has joined Verrill & Dana, LLP, practicing out of the firm's Portland, Me., office. Kat and Kevin live in Portland with son Aidan. ✷ Last **Matt Kading** heard, **Dave Scopp** was in northern California directing at a nonprofit that facilitates growth in teens through the creative arts, nature studies, and athletics. Matt also reports that **Lawrence Klein** has been in Dallas, Texas, working as a coastal steward for the National Ocean Service/National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, designing restoration projects for superfund sites, and Mike Snow '01 was in Occidental, Calif., working on an organic farm, with plans to return to Vermont. ✷ **Catherine Veach** and Kevin Moyer were married on July 3, 2003, at the Bellagio, in Las Vegas. They celebrated with 54 of their closest friends and family, "taking in Vegas and its many attractions for three to ten days. Fellow Midd kids who joined us for the Wild Wedding Weekend were **Shannon Gordon, Phuket Rubel, Ben Sigel**, Tasman Rubel '00, and Ryan Jennings '93. Kevin and I are at home in Kansas, where he is a pilot and I am general counsel for a communications company. And, unfortunately, we did not win enough money at Vegas to cover all wedding expenses!"
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On July 13, **Jean-Paul Gowdy** easily won the Vermont Sun Triathlon by 1:27 (1:03:08) over his nearest competitor, Steve Hare of Middlebury. Seven years ago, Jean-Paul finished 30th in the first Vermont Sun Triathlon. ✷ At CalTech, **Sarah Delaney** is on the verge of getting her Ph.D. She has coauthored three papers with Midd chemistry/biochemistry prof. Sunhee Choi. ✷ **Marcela Klicova** and Daniel Perett '00 were married on May 25 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mishawaka, Ind. Celebrating with them were **Betsy Saunders, Amanda Hellenthal**, Lena Khor '00, Devin Arrington '00, Andrea Casas '00, Stephen Joyce '00, and Rebecca Moultroup '00. After graduating from the Univ. of Notre Dame with a master's in theology, Marcela joined Daniel at Notre Dame's Medieval Institute, where they are both pursuing Ph.D.'s in medieval studies. They recently visited with Amanda Hellenthal in St. Louis, where she has started a graduate program in East Asian studies. ✷ The September 13 wedding of Laura Todd and **Brad Hotchkiss** took place in Mead Chapel at Midd. Laura is an account manager in the sponsorship consulting division of Octagon Marketing, an event- and sports-marketing business in Stamford, Conn. Brad is a stock trader at Trillium Trading in New York. ✷ Newlyweds Matt '98 and **Samantha Webb Kading** (married July 2002) are living in Madison, Wis., where Sam is a law student (studying land and Indian law) and Matt is a GIS software engineer for e-Mapping Solutions. They were thrilled to have many Midd friends at their wedding: **Sarah Waybright** came from Moscow, where she worked for a British branding firm. Sarah is now in Maine, readjusting to the U.S. through her camera lens. **Justine Kwiatkowski** and **Heather Budd** came from Cambridge, where Justine is doing a master's in landscape architecture, focusing on urban envi-

ronments, and Heather works with children at the Dana Farber Cancer Center. (Look for Heather cycling across Massachusetts to raise money for cancer research.) **Erich Osterberg** made the trip from the Univ. of Maine, where he's working on a Ph.D. in climate-change studies He was spending the fall in Antarctica, doing research. **Ben Lively** came in from Boulder, Colo., then left for France to study jazz violin. ✷ **Junaid Ziauddin** (jziauddin@hotmail.com) updates us: "After graduation, I moved to Cambridge, Mass., and worked at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research/MIT, where I did research on development of novel microarray platforms. After two years, I joined the Research & Development team at Agencourt Bioscience Corp., a start-up biotech company, where I am currently involved in kit development. Work is great, but intense at times, which in research is the nature of the beast. But as a break, I am volunteering in Bangladesh for a month in December of 2003. I encourage all friends living in or visiting the Boston area to get in touch!" —Class Secretaries: *Melissa Pruessing (pruessing99@alumni.middlebury.edu), 185 Marlborough St., #8, Boston, MA 02116; and Peter Steinberg (captfun99@yahoo.com), 32 Wheelock St., #1, Hanover, NH 03755.*

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In September, **Phoebe Chase** crossed the finish line of the Maui Marathon, after spending the summer training with Team in Training and raising nearly $4,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She's now looking for her next adventure. ✷ Living in Manhattan with **Kris Decker** and **Terry Wetterman**, **Joe Fioretti** works in the IT department of a Park Avenue law firm. He recently started a real estate investing company by purchasing two ski condos in Vermont. This year he took trips to Colorado, Florida, St. Thomas, and St. Maarten. ✷ **Erica Hill**, who has a new puppy, is enjoying her new job at the National Cathedral School in D.C. ✷ Also in D.C., **Kate Turner** is working for Rep. Tom Allen (D-ME) on foreign policy and other issues: "I'm still weighing grad school for next year. Getting used to real springs, but still miss the north! Sometimes get to see **Brian Deese, Kara Arsenault, Meghan McGuinness**, Justin Elicker '97, and Jess St. John '02." ✷ **Toby Dougherty** is in Moscow on an IREX grant doing research for his doctoral dissertation on Russian arms transfers. Last summer, he was accepted to Oxford's international relations department. ✷ **David Babington** moved home from Florence, Italy, to St. Louis, Mo., where he has been completing graduate school applications for spring 2004 admission. ✷ **Nikolas Win Myint**, who received his M.A. in international relations from the Univ. of Chicago in June, is working for the United Nations in Myanmar (Burma): "From grad student to UN officer, from Chicago to Rangoon—it's been quite a change, but I'm having an adventurous time and enjoying the challenges of my work here." ✷ **Mike Cordaro** writes from Wellington, New Zealand, where he is in the midst of a yearlong adventure, "having a great time living the life of a Kiwi, working at the NZ Food Safety Authority, and doing lots of traveling around the country." ✷ **Blake Rutherford** recently accepted a position with the Wright Lindsey Jennings Law Firm in Little Rock, Ark. Blake is a 2003 graduate of the Univ. of Ark. School of Law. ✷ **Genny Berdoulay** is teaching 8th grade English in Edwards, Colo. She's also an adult ski instructor for Vail on weekends and holidays. ✷ In Aspen, Colo., **Sarah Glendon** is working for the Aspen Institute. Last summer, she received a fellowship to attend a session at the Salzburg Seminar on the social and economic dimensions of human rights. ✷ Musician **Sara Klemm** will be finishing up her M.M. in horn performance this spring in Cleveland. She's applying to D.M.A. programs outside of Cleveland. ✷ Gerard and **Amanda O'Keefe Murchison** celebrated their first anniversary on October 19. On October 31, Amanda met **Carina Beyer** in New Jersey, where they had "a blast visiting and painting the town red!" ✷ **Will** and **Abby Dorschel Trafton** are still very busy with their family business and work related travel. They recently spent time with **Lauren Wilkis** and **Ben Bedford** in Rochester, N.Y., and they made it up to Castine, Me., for **Kendra Sewall**'s wedding in August. ✷ And there are more weddings to report! On June 28, **Beth Denoncourt** and Jason Laverty were married. Celebrating with them were **Christa McDougall**, **Sylvia Ryan**, Kristin Hackmann Baker '99, **Sheramy Peltier**, Chris Vaughan '98, Catherine Elkins '02, and Megan Hutchinson '02. ✷ Also on June 28, **Kate Harrington** and **John Dickie** were married outside Annapolis, Md.. The newlyweds continue to live in NYC, where Kate teaches and John is in finance. ✷ Midd friends traveling to Norway to attend the August 2 wedding festivities for Kristine Platou '98 and **Michael Aaron** included Slavko Andrejevic '98, Jenny Klintberg-Murphy '98, **Brady Alshouse, Danielle Apostolatos, Katherine Barr, Deirdre Connolly, Emily Friedberg, Andrew Gay, Will Parker, Carrie Pistenmaa, Julie Scofield**, and **Laura Yost**. ✷ The August 9 marriage of Lauren Gruel and **Tom Diemar** took place in Martinsville, N.J. Lauren is teaching prekindergarten in NYC, while Tom is a financial adviser in the private client group at Merrill Lynch. ✷ **Brewster Boyd** has returned from living in Sydney, Australia, for nearly two years. In early 2003, he and Ali Waggener traveled around the world for six months, returning in August for their wedding in Keystone, Colo. They're living in Seattle, where Brewster is an environmental consultant. He reports that **Brady Alshouse** recently moved to Denver, where he has begun working in commerical real estate. —Class Secretaries: *Lindsay Simpson (simpsonlindsay*

Hey Joe

The Magazine*'s intrepid essayist and Watson Fellow Rob Chisholm '03 checks in from the Philippines. This column is the second in a series of dispatches Chisholm will file during his Watson year.*

I WIPE THE SWEAT AND DUST FROM MY FACE after a two-hour ride in a packed jeepney, a post-WWII U.S. military vehicle since converted into the main form of public transportation in the Philippines. I turn to see a little barefoot boy squatting on the side of the road. He squints up at me, smiles, and says, "Hey Joe!" Everywhere I go, young boys greet me (and any other young white male) this way, a reference to GI Joe and the former U.S. military presence here.

I have come to a small community to study what I've heard is very proactive local management of marine resources. With rapidly declining fish populations, the local government and fishermen set up a marine protected area around the coral reef just offshore, where fishing is now prohibited.

I spend a week talking with fishermen and local politicians (often the same people). I learn that 20 years ago fishermen here used to catch about 20 kilograms of fish each day, enough to make a decent living. Today, however, most fishermen catch only about two kilograms a day; and despite the protection of the reef, that amount does not seem to be rising. Fishermen's incomes are well below the national average. To make matters worse, the federal government is so preoccupied with the rampant corruption of elected officials and domestic terrorism that there is hardly time to consider effective solutions to what amounts to national crisis in the fishery.

On my last night, I'm sitting outside with a few fishermen passing around a bottle of gin and telling stories. I have been explaining some of the fisheries' policies used in North America to create sustainable resource use. I'm hoping they might be able to use some of these ideas to improve their livelihoods. One of them looks at me, downs his shot, and says matter-of-factly, "Many researchers come here and ask me questions. But the answers never change. We work hard to improve our lives but nothing changes."

As I leave the next day, I'm left feeling helpless and wondering what can be done. With a Philippean democracy once described as "off the people, buy the people, and poor the people," I don't hold much hope for a national solution. But as I travel around the world, it's hard not to recognize how something as simple as the fish I buy in the market in Australia can affect the health of a community in the Philippines. Maybe I'm not so helpless after all.

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01 Living in D.C., **Ashley Elicker** has a new job in the international development department at BearingPoint, primarily working on projects in French-speaking Africa. ✷ Working in D.C. public relations, **Mike Hartt** recently joined Edelman as an account executive in their public and international affairs practice group. Last summer, at his previous firm, he was part of a project with the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association and was able to hang out with former MLB ballplayers, including Hall of Famers, in Seattle, San Diego, and Jacksonville. ✷ **James Tsai** began a new job at Fleet Bank in Boston, doing strategic marketing in the business development and strategy group. ✷ Still living in the Fenway in Boston, **Adeeb Mahmud** recently switched from his consulting job to a biotech, where he's doing business development. ✷ **Ann Marie Wong** has moved to NYC, where she lives with **Erin Sussman**. Ann is an education center coordinator for Literacy Partners, Inc., a nonprofit adult literacy organization. ✷ **Pete Day** writes: "I'm headed even deeper into the rabbit hole—joining up with Clint Bierman '97, Neil Matthews '96, and Jeff Vallone '98 on the road to rock-star glory. Stay tuned for news on when the Grift is coming to your town." ✷ After her fourth summer working at a camp for kids with special needs, **Kelly Knapp** started her third year at Michigan State in a doctoral program for school psychology. She recently discovered that **Lisa Engelstein** has moved into town and hopes to show her all the exciting things there are to do in the Lansing area! ✷ In Barre, Vt., **Otis Hart** covers sporting events and designs the sports section of the *Times Argus*. He's also running an Internet music magazine, *Dusted Magazine* (ww.dustedmagazine.com). ✷ Proving that a Middlebury education extends beyond the classroom, **Rich Gallup** is making movies about video games as a producer for GameSpot.com in San Francisco. ✷ Also living in SFO, **Becky Belcher** reports that her favorite Middlebury alumni events in San Francisco are Otter Creek nights at the Fishbowl, thanks to Sarah Cotton '99! ✷ After spending nine months on assignments in Singapore and San Antonio, **Mei Robertson** returned to L.A., on a volunteer assignment. She was working with the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles in their center for cancer and blood diseases until late October, when she planned to return to life in the corporate world. ✷ **Lucian Orbai** is at Stanford working on his Ph.D. During his first year at Stanford, he coauthored a paper on the proceedings of the National Academy of Science. ✷ **Matt Whitcomb** is an aerospace technician for Boeing, where he's researching jet propulsion and wishing he were back in college. ✷ **Benji Perin** reports that he enjoyed the Seattle summer and did a lot of gardening. Benji is teaching high school humanities and physical science. ✷ **Dana Stringer** has moved to Austin, Texas, to begin law school at the Univ. of Texas: "I came here straight from the interior of Bahia, Brazil, where I worked this summer." ✷ **Tom Reece** (treece@virginia.edu) is a first-year student at the Univ. of Va. Law School. ✷ On lovely Nantucket, **Brian-Logan Reid** is selling real estate, while also coordinating rentals and sales in Stowe, St. Barth's, Harbor Island, and Lyford Cay. "It has been quite busy! I anticipate playing and teaching hockey in the new rink and volunteering some of my time with the high school lacrosse team this spring. Give a shout if you are on island!" ✷ Alison Comfort and **Paul Krezanoski** were married on August 1 at the Wequassett Inn on Cape Cod. Now living in Bethesda, Md., they will be entering the Peace Corps to serve two years in Madagascar.
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02 Please keep in mind that all entries for this column were submitted far in advance. Some news may be outdated, but please bear with us. Feel free to call, e-mail, or write to Annie and Mess so that we do not find ourselves forced to make up semi or completely ridiculous fables about your whereabouts. We hope everyone is doing well and wish to hear from you all very soon. ✷ **Nick Lesher** has returned from Turkey and is now working on Howard Dean's campaign in Burlington. **Michael Silberman** (silberman@planet2.net) updates that he's the national meet-up coordinator for Dean for America in Burlington. (See story elsewhere in this issue.) ✷ **Stephanie Farnham** is enjoying teaching at Vermont Academy. This fall she spent a weekend at **Andrea Hersh**'s farm in Bradford, Vt. "**Kristin Wilson, Holly Carlson, Bryan Black, Doug Dagan**, and **Emily Kerner** were all there enjoying the foliage and the company!" ✷ Also in Vermont, **Gabrielle Jacquet, Greg Connolly, Ian Zenlea**, and **Liz Beaton** have all started medical school together at UVM. ✷ **Katie Johnston** is teaching biology and coaching tennis, basketball, and soccer at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory, a boarding school in Pennsylvania. "In September I traveled with **Valerie O'Hearn, Julie Palombo**, and **Ashley Winterer** to Jackson Hole for the wedding of Tamsen Kaylor '01. Also in the wedding party was ski coach Patty Ross-Tran." ✷ **M. Graham Furlong** is spending the winter in the Caribbean, working on a classic wooden sailboat. ✷ **Lisa McAndrews** and **Julie Frisbie** have sent word they are teaching at the Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J. Lisa is teaching math and physics and coaching crew. ✷ **Dave Carlson** is in his second year at Purdue, working on a Ph.D. in medical physics. ✷ **Alison Hertel** is a production secretary for the *Evening News with Dan Rather* (CBS News) in NYC. Alison reports that **Jessica Monroe** and Will Vaughan '01 moved to Hoboken, N.J., in September. Also in September, **Ellie Toan** left NYC for London to pursue a master's in public health. ✷ A year into her Peace Corps service in Ecuador, **Samantha Brenner** says *hola* to everyone: "It's beautiful and green where I live, but quite cold. I even have a great view of the volcano Chimborazo a short hike from my house." Write her at sbrennerec@hotmail.com. ✷ **Ellen Tompsett** is spending a year in India with Global Ministries, teaching English, music, and computers. ✷ **Brian Ferry** is a litigation legal assistant for Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP in NYC. A recent intellectual property trial gave him a flashback to Midd chem classes, when scientific aspects of a drug were mentioned in the brief—which was written by a Midd graduate '75, a chem major at Midd who went on to get his Ph.D. in chemistry!
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03 **Conor Shapiro** is spending a year in Haiti teaching English. He took along a duffel bag full of soccer balls and jerseys for the kids where he's teaching. ✷ **Laura Zarchin** has been working at an economic consulting firm in Boston while attending grad school at MIT. ✷ **Nathan Davis** is an intern at the Whitney Museum of American Art in NYC. ✷ **Blake Barkin** is living in Boston with **Cathy Schieffelin** and **Sareena Khwaja**. They often see Midd faces around Boston. ✷ **Mike Frissora** is going pro, having been selected third in the eighth round of the National Lacrosse League (indoor) draft by Colorado. ✷ The Route 7 Ramblers spent the summer rambling around New England with Circus Smirkus. Touring in an old school bus purchased from the circus for one dollar, the Ramblers included peripatetic musicians **Alex Reiser** and '04s Ben Campbell, Bennett Konesni, Caleb Elder, and Abe Streep. In addition to providing background music for aerial, acrobatic, balance, and juggling acts, the Ramblers were involved in stage dialogue and provided sound effects for the clown routines. In summer 2002, the group rambled with Circus Smirkus during its summer Wild West Tour. ✷ **Fahim Ahmed** reports that he moved into his new apartment in New York's Midtown West and began work in July as an analyst in the investment banking division at Goldman Sachs. ✷ **Kate Pentkowski** writes: "**Larcombe Teichgraeber** and I moved into our new apartment in NYC on the Upper East Side. I'm working with Marlborough Gallery and she's moving her way up the ranks of PR." ✷ **Meagan Dodge** is working in HIV testing and counseling at the UCSF AIDS Health Project, while sharing a San Francisco apartment with **Lindsay McPherson**, who is in investment banking at Morgan Stanley. Fellow Bay Area residents **Nick Yim, John Mitchell**, and Liz Beaton '02 frequent San Francisco for Midd reunions. ✷ Uli reports: It has finally begun, real life that is. Our microcosmic utopia known as Club Midd has come to an end, and we find ourselves once again beginning our lives. It seems as though everyone is in good spirits and well on their way. I met up with a number of Midd alums at a party last summer. Celebrating the Fourth of July at the Cape were **Ben Dow, Shayna Forbes, Steph Giannacopoulos, Kristin Ostrem, Andrea Russo, Maggie Moss, Heather Collamore**, and **Lauren Henry**. While on the Cape, I ran into **Katie Kenney**, who is working in Boston with none other then longtime buddy **Rom Braga**. Little did they know that they would both be working for the same insurance company until the first day of work. In NYC I have had the pleasure of seeing a number of people at various social functions, including **Peter Koh, Chrissy Fuld, Anna Bautista, Peter Liu**, and others. I made my way up to Connecticut to visit **Craig Schuette**, who is starting pharmacy school. ✷ It's that time of year again, when the names of the Angels Award nominees are being sent to the dean of students office. Middlebury College gives a huge thank you to the 77 percent of the Class of 2003 who helped to raise $70,100 to endow this gift and to support the Rural and Community Alliance.
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LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Arabic

Jinsook Lee ('01) is Korea's first woman war correspondent. Among the several Korean correspondents who covered the Iraq War, Lee stands out because of her comprehensive knowledge of the situation in Iraq, a knowledge accumulated through years spent studying and living in the region. "Language is essential to understanding a country's own emotion and culture. So I decided to learn Arabic language to investigate Iraq," she explains. Jinsook studied Arabic at Harvard University in 1993 and spent one summer at Middlebury. Although all reporters were evacuated from Baghdad on March 18, Jinsook was on her way back less than a week later, determined to report what was going on. In the fall, she risked her life again securing interviews with a group of Mujahidins or "sacred Islamic warriors." She interviewed a group of six men on two occasions, October 10 and 11, in Baghdad. This was only the second time that the Iraqi guerillas allowed interviews with non-Arabic media. As she expected, when they began to talk with her in Arabic, the Mujahidins opened up about what they were thinking and how they were feeling. "For them, Saddam Hussein is still the respected leader. Such views cannot be dismissed simply as the limited view of particular minorities such as the Mujahidin," she reports.

English

For his recent collection, *Fire*, **Wesley McNair** (M.A. '68, M.Litt. '75) received the Jane Kenyon Award for Outstanding Book of Poetry at the literary awards ceremony of the New Hampshire Writers Project in Manchester, N.H. Down East Books has published his anthology, *The Maine Poets*. ✷ **Monica Weis** SSJ (M.A. '73), prof. of English at Nazareth College, Rochester N.Y., has been invited to be on the faculty for a study tour in Prades, France, June 24 to July 4, 2004. Entitled Thomas Merton in France, the study tour is sponsored by Simon Fraser Univ. For more information: donald_grayston@sfu.ca. ✷ **Brenda Finn** (M.A. '85) is the new superintendent of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District and the Concord public schools, an area encompassing more than 3,000 students. ✷ **Roger Smith** (M.A. '90) has been appointed director of college counseling at the Savannah (Ga.) Country Day School. ✷ **Daniel Picker** (M.A. '92) has recently published his work in *Soundings East*, *Bridges*, the *Dudley Review* at Harvard, *Folio*, *Harvard Review*, and *Sequoia*, the Stanford literary magazine. After a year as a correspondent for the *Haddon Herald*, he took a full scholarship to study fiction writing with David Updike at the Fine Arts Work Center on Cape Cod during summer 2003. ✷ Congratulations to **Michael Dwyer** (M.A. '94), Vermont's Teacher of the Year. Michael teaches English and social studies at Brandon's Otter Valley Union High School. ✷ **Daniel Cummings** ('00, '02) is teaching eighth- and ninth-grade English in Albuquerque's Bosque School. He had been teaching secondary language arts in La Ceiba, Honduras. ✷ The July 19 wedding of Kerry Walker and **Justin Chapman** (M.A. '01) took place in Waitsfield, Vt. At Champlain Valley Union High School, Kerry teaches science, and Justin teaches English. They live in Starksboro. ✷ When **Chase Byron** died in 2002, he was still passionately pursuing his M.A. degree from Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English, where he had many friends among the students, faculty, and staff. Those friends, together with Chase's family, have now established a scholarship to the Bread Loaf School in Chase's memory. Any of Chase's college classmates and other friends who wish to make a gift in Chase's memory are invited to send their gifts to the Bread Loaf School of English Support Fund, College Advancement, Munford House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.

French

Forty years after receiving their M.A. degrees from Middlebury, a mini-reunion in NYC on July 13 brought together **Marge McCluskey Hogarty, Richard Kurth, Nancy Orth, Lily Frank Akyali**, and **Mary Duffy**, all M.A. '63. They recalled that M. Claude Bourcier and Madame Daladier were their directors. ✷ **Linda Robins** (M.A. '64) has been promoted to full prof. at Bergen Community College in Paramus, N.J. Linda is also a certified reflexologist and acupressure practitioner, a musician, and an oil painter. ✷ In September, the governor of the Province of Pomerania presented an award to **Enid Mayberry** (M.A. '67), founder and director of the Anglo-American-Polish Association. This is the first time that an American has been so honored. ✷ **Joanne Lusink LeRoy** (M.A. '70) retired from Pittsford (N.Y.) Middle School in July, after many years as foreign language department leader. She continued to coach the Pittsford girls varsity golf team to a fourth consecutive league championship and will be teaching French part time at the Finger Lakes Community College. ✷ **Bob Peckham** (M.A. '71) was recently elected national VP of the American Association of Teachers of French. Bob's son, Ron, is attending Middlebury as a first-year student. ✷ **Celeste Pilotte Feren** (M.A. '93) is teaching at Coe-Brown Northwood (N.H.) Academy. She previously taught at Somersworth High School. ✷ **Elizabeth Zahnd** (M.A. '93) has received the Estudio Internacional Sampere-Ulloa Scholarship, providing for a four-week course of study at any of the Estudio Sampere language schools in Spain. Elizabeth is assistant prof. of French and Spanish at Francis Marion Univ. in Florence, S.C.

German

The correct address to reach **Roy Jacobs** (M.A. '68) is P.O. Box 5959, Greeneville, TN 37743. The box number in the fall issue was incorrect.

Italian

Stephanie Longo ('01) graduated from the Univ. of Scranton in May 2003, with a degree in Italian and French. She received a full scholarship to pursue graduate study in Italian literature at Catholic Univ. in D.C.

Russian

Peter Julicher (M.A. '79) is a history teacher at Cranbrook Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. In his recently published book, *Renegades, Rebels and Rogues Under the Tsars*, Peter describes the activities of the most important dissidents and agitators from the reign of Ivan the Terrible to Nicholas II and the Communist Revolution in 1917. He credits the Russian School at Midd for inspiration, and he thanks history professor David Macey, who proofread parts of the manuscript and made many helpful suggestions.

Spanish

Ernest Lunsford (M.A. '69) recently had a textbook for advanced Spanish classes published: *En otras palabras: Perfeccionamiento del español por medio de la traducción* (Georgetown Univ. Press). "Using translation to focus on form, the first half of the book deals with problem areas of Spanish grammar and the second half deals with Spanish for specific professions (such as medicine, law, advertising)," he writes. Ernie is a prof. of Spanish at Elon Univ. in North Carolina. ✷ **Laurent Boestch** (M.A. '74, D.M.L. '81), the former provost and acting president at Washington and Lee Univ., has been named chief academic officer of the European College of Liberal Arts (ECLA) in Berlin, Germany, for the 2004-05 academic year. The first private liberal arts college to take root in Germany, ECLA attracts professors and students from more than 20 countries. ✷ **Jessica Storey** (M.A. '99) is teaching Spanish at the Pine Cobble School in Williamstown, Mass. ✷ **Scott Webster** (M.A. '99), a teacher in the Wilton, Conn., school system, was featured in the Staples office-supply ads promoting the firm's printer-ink guarantee. He was the guy with the different color fingertips. ✷ **Jennifer Aquino** (M.A. '01) and Brian Pompeo were married on August 16 in Cohasset, Mass. Jennifer is director of study abroad and associate director of the international center of Bentley College, while Brian is a senior consultant for Boston Wireless in Natick.

Eyes on Schiller

FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, the television industry magazine staple *Broadcasting & Cable* has published an annual list of ten women to watch in the media world. Billed as a prime indicator of the top up-and-coming women talent in the media biz, *B&C's* "Next Wave" has turned into a highly anticipated prognostication in the television world. In 2003, *Broadcasting & Cable* added **VIVIAN SCHILLER, M.A. RUSSIAN '85** to the list.

A senior vice president and general manager of Discovery Times Channel (which is co-owned by the Discovery Channel and the New York Times Company), Schiller started her career working on documentaries in Russia. Turner Broadcasting then hired her as a producer, and she began to make her way up the corporate ladder. Schiller served as vice president and general manager of Turner Original Productions, vice president and general manager for CNN Productions, and then senior vice president for CNN Productions before joining Discovery Times Channel. During this time she has won numerous awards for documentaries, including five Emmys.

26 **Juanita Pritchard Cook**, 99, of Middlebury, Vt., on August 9, 2003. She taught high school history and physical education in Washington, N.J., before her 1929 marriage to Reginald L. Cook '24, who was hired that year as a professor of American literature at Middlebury. She became her husband's secretary, typing his prolific writings, including daily journals and several volumes on Robert Frost and Henry David Thoreau. As an adviser to several student organizations, she was a trusted friend and mentor to many Middlebury students. She became assistant to Dean of Women Eleanor Ross and served as acting dean of Women's College for a time. She volunteered as an aide at Porter Hospital and was active with the Addison County Community Action Group. "Doc" Cook served as the director of the Bread Loaf School of English from 1946 until 1964. During that time the two spent their summers in a cottage on the Bread Loaf campus, where Nita graciously served as the "first lady" of Bread Loaf, entertaining many famous writers, including Willa Cather and Robert Frost. Frost befriended the Cooks and spent many evenings with them, both at their Bread Loaf cottage and at their Middlebury home. Following Doc's retirement in 1969, the Cooks established a daily routine of taking long walks along the rural roads of Middlebury and Weybridge. After his death in 1984, Nita maintained her daily walks until 2001, when she moved to Addison House. Sharp and engaging to the end, she continued to socialize with her wide circle of devoted friends. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her brother, Dale B. Pritchard '35, and by her nephew, David C. Pritchard '49. Middlebury survivors include sister-in-law Bevalie Cook Pritchard '36; nieces Pamela Pritchard Orchard '69 and Eve Zwanziger Pritchard (French School '60); nephew Alan Pritchard '65; great-nieces Audrey Pritchard Goco '90 and Katherine Orchard '04; and great-nephew Christopher Orchard '00.

30 **Dorothea Moore Medbury**, 94, of South Harwich, Mass., on September 5, 2003. She was a junior high school English teacher for several years in Bristol, R.I. She and husband Vinton W. Medbury owned and operated Cape's Cottages in West Harwich from 1968 until 1974. Predeceased by her husband and by son Vinton Jr., she leaves sons James and Theodore Medbury, daughter Alice Medbury, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

31 **Dorothy Howard Aldrich**, 93, of Warren, N.H., on October 26, 2003. A graduate of the Concord (N.H.) Business College, she was employed as secretary to the manager of the Hanover Inn for many years. Predeceased by husband Henry S. Aldrich in 1978, by sister Doris Howard Goodwin '26 in 1995, and by son Earl S. Howard in 1999, she leaves two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

33 **Richard L. Allen**, 91, of Westborough, Mass., on November 21, 2003. A graduate of Harvard Business School, he spent his business career in management at Dennison Manufacturing Company, retiring as personnel director in 1977. For 37 years, he was dedicated to Framingham public service, including serving as an elected Town Meeting member and as town moderator. He held positions of leadership in the Friends of the Framingham Heart Study, Greater Framingham Red Cross, the Family Health Plan, Framingham Cooperative Bank, Framingham Union Hospital, Danforth Museum, YMCA, Civic League, Vernon House, and the Massachusetts Moderators Association. Continuing to play tennis well into his 80s, he achieved the no. 1 ranking in New England doubles in his age group and no. 1 in New England father and son competition. He was predeceased by wife Helen (Bliss) in 2002, by son Charles B. Allen '62 in 1962, and by brother Charles W. Allen '29 in 1991. Survivors include daughter Susan Mehigan, son Peter Allen, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Other Middlebury survivors are nephew John P. Allen '65, niece Mary MacArthur Wendell '69, daughter-in-law Kristina Nilson Allen '66, and great-niece Eleanor M. Wendell '02. At Middlebury, Richard and Helen Allen established the Charles B. Allen '62 Memorial Prize, awarded annually to a senior who has excelled in biology, chemistry, and/or physics, and who has contributed to the spirit of Middlebury through athletics and other student activities. They also established the Charles B. Allen '62 Research Fellowship, awarded annually to a rising senior who has been selected to participate in collaborative research with Middlebury faculty in the fields of biology, chemistry, and/or physics.

Altha Hall Holbrook, 91, of Keene, N.H., on September 15, 2003. Her community activities included the United Church of Christ, the Women's Hospital Aid Society, Keene Women's Club, and the American Red Cross. Predeceased by husband Richard L. Holbrook in 1991 and by son Robert DeBold, she leaves son Richard DeBold, three stepchildren, several grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Glenna Bump Crosby, 90, of Brandon, Vt., on September 30, 2003. A French teacher and homemaker, she was also active in the family business, Edgar S. Crosby Inc., for many years. Predeceased by husband Edgar S. Crosby in 1994, she is survived by son Edgar Jr., daughters Adele Steele and Eileen Gruen, three grandchildren, sisters-in-law Elizabeth Crosby Hastings '29 and Hilda Simonds Crosby '37, niece Susan Hastings Chandler '68, and cousin Mary F. Bump '31.

34 **Victor Erkkila**, 90, of Morristown, N.J., on September 1, 2003. With a doctorate in science from the Technische Hochschule in Stuttgart, Germany, he was a research chemist and patent attorney for Allied Chemical in Buffalo and later in Morristown. From 1970 until his retirement in 1984, he was a patent lawyer for the U.S. government at the Picatinny Arsenal in Rockaway, N.J. While a student at Middlebury, he played the carillon in Mead Chapel steeple on Sundays. He also played piano and banjo in a dance band. Predeceased by wife Eleanore (Vickery) in 1997, he is survived by son Robert Erkkila; daughters Margaret Baldwin, Elizabeth Holmes, Katharine Leitz, Barbara Ditlow, and Carolyn Kidd; 21 grandchildren (including Stephen Holmes '88); and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mary Moore LaCroix, 90, of Wallingford, Conn., on September 22, 2003. She taught English and dramatics for 35 years in the Stamford school system, retiring in 1973. She then taught basic adult education and helped with Literacy Volunteers, Meals on Wheels, and started the first Alateen group in the Stamford area. Predeceased by husband Edward M. LaCroix in 1982, survivors include daughter Eleanor Cavanaugh Yosua, son John Cavanaugh, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

35 **Elizabeth Coley Congdon**, 89, of Worcester, Mass., on August 6, 2003. She was a medical technician at Worcester City Hospital prior to her marriage to Donald G. Congdon in 1941. A 60-year member of First Baptist Church, she was a deaconess and church knitter. Predeceased by her husband in 1983, she leaves son Gregory Congdon, daughters Harriet Traub and Elizabeth Congdon-Martin '71, sisters Virginia Smith and Harriet Coley Lins '37, seven grandchildren (including Sarah Congdon-Martin '01), and two great-grandchildren.

Sarah Elliott Ordway, 90, of Escondido, Calif., on December 2, 2003. She grew up working on her father's newspaper in Claremont, N.H. Moving west in the late 1940s, she and husband Howard E. Ordway published the weekly Waterville (Wash.) *Empire-Press* for 30 years, retiring in 1978. A classical musician, she served as a church organist for 25 years, taught music, and participated in the Waterville Federated Church bell choir. She was also a dog musher, handling up to five sled dogs and participating in various dog-sledding events. She moved to California upon the death of her husband in 1999. Survivors include son Cary Ordway, two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren, sister Caroline Elliott Dorst '37, and sister-in-law Martha Taylor Elliott '40. Middlebury relatives predeceasing her include great-grandfather William M. Ladd 1837, mother Jeffries Leete Elliott 1905, and brother Asa Leete Elliott '38.

Elizabeth Bryan Sheldon, 88, of Springfield, Mass., on November 10, 2003. A case worker for Old Age Assistance in West Springfield, she was also a committed volunteer for many organizations, including Goodwill Industries, West Springfield Parish Cupboard, and Friends of the West Springfield Library. Her husband of 55 years, Everett H. Sheldon, died in 1998. Predeceased by son David in 1950, she leaves son Don Sheldon and daughter Jane Sheldon

36 **J. William Dawes Jr.**, 91, of Stamford, Conn., on October 13, 2003. After working in his father's construction business, he joined Onieda Ltd. in 1938 and worked as a sales manager until retiring in 1977. He belonged to the Stamford Senior Men's Club and St. Cecilia's Church. Predeceased by wife Katherine (Cortright) in 1988, he leaves daughters Carol Zaccardo, Katherine Russell, Natalie Dawes, Colleen Hughlock, and Mary Christine Kuchta; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren

Martin J. Tierney, 88, of Catonsville, Md., on August 12, 2003. After joining Uniroyal in 1936, he took a leave of absence when Prof. Werner Neuse arranged for him to become a Middlebury exchange student in chemistry in Stuttgart, Germany. Returning home at the outbreak of World War II in 1939, he spent the war years in synthetic rubber research and development at Uniroyal. In 1945 he was loaned by Uniroyal to the U.S. Air Force to evaluate the effectiveness of Allied bombing on German industry. After working in several capacities with Uniroyal Chemical Corp., he

served from 1965, until his retirement in 1978, as president of Rubicon Chemicals, a subsidiary of Uniroyal and Imperial Chemical Industries of Great Britain. In 1993, at age 78, he earned a master's in mathematics from Western Conn. State Univ. Predeceased by son Karl Joseph Tierney in 1995, survivors include wife Karline (Koenen), son Martin J. Tierney Jr., daughter Mary Clare Conlon, two grandsons, and brother Raymond B. Tierney '44.

37 **Isabelle McCann Rogovin**, 89, of Waterford, Conn., on September 23, 2003. Her career as a medical technologist took her first to Boston and later to the William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich. After her marriage to Isadore Rogovin in 1966, she assisted her husband at his store, the Basket Shop, in New London. Her husband died in 1997. She established a scholarship in the name of Isadore and Isabelle Rogovin '37 at Middlebury College. She is survived by 10 nieces and nephews.

Dorothea Mathison Scott, 86, of Saddle River, N.J., on October 29, 2003. With a master's in education from Columbia Teacher's College in NYC, she also attended the Pratt Institute of Design. During World War II, she worked with Grumman Aircraft as a mathematics instructor at Columbia Univ. Following her 1944 marriage to Robert D. Scott, she taught mathematics at the Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J., elementary school. The family also spent time on Cape Cod and in Vermont. Survivors include her husband, son R. Douglas Scott Jr., daughter Joanne V. Scott '75, and two grandsons.

Carolyn Cozzio Tompkins, 87, of Wareham, Mass., on December 9, 2003. She taught home economics in the Springfield (Mass.) high school before her marriage to George B. Tompkins in 1941. She was active in Welcome Wagon, served as president of the Pittsfield College Club, collected antiques, and enjoyed knitting. Predeceased by her husband in 1997, she leaves daughters Judith Morse and Susan Tompkins Nichols '65, four grandchildren (including grandson Michael Nichols '93), and two great-grandchildren.

38 **Madeline S. Buttles**, 87, of Rutland, Vt., on November 13, 2003. She held a master's in education from Boston Univ. (1949), attended Middlebury's Spanish School (1968-69), and received a master's in library science from SUNY at Albany (1976). A teacher at Rutland High School (1946-1981), she introduced Spanish to the curriculum when enrollments in Latin waned. She also served as librarian at the school for several years. In retirement she worked for 12 years as a guide at the Shelburne Museum and volunteered for the Red Cross, Hospice, and the Rutland Regional Medical Center. She established the Madeline S. Buttles '38 Memorial Scholarship Fund for Rutland County students attending Middlebury College. Predeceased by a brother, she leaves a sister and a niece.

Beulah Hagadorn, 85, of Bronxville, N.Y., on October 2, 2003. With an M.A. from the New York State College for Teachers in Albany (1939), she worked in banking for several years and taught in the Schenectady School District briefly before being appointed a school principal. Earning her Ed.D. at NYU in 1961, she continued her career as a school principal, retiring from Bronxville Elementary School in 1978. She was involved in church and community activities, as well as tutoring non-reading adults.

John R. Williams, 87, of Hoosick, N.Y., on September 30, 2003. A graduate of Tufts Medical School in Boston, he served in the Army Medical Corps from 1943 to 1946, in the European theatre. Moving to Vermont in 1952, he was a radiologist at the Rutland Hospital until retiring in 1988. Predeceased by wife Eleanor (Avery) in 1980, he leaves son Thomas Williams, daughter Nancy Weaver, six grandchildren, and two stepgrandchildren.

39 **Frederic A. Wheeler**, 86, of Brookfield, Conn., on September 3, 2003. He worked at a bank in Manhattan before joining the Army and serving in the Medical Corps. He then worked in the sales division of the Bullard Co. in Bridgeport, retiring in 1981. He was active in Scouting, Junior Achievement, and church activities. He also wrote articles for the philatelic press. Predeceased by wife Virginia (Thayer), he leaves daughter Melissa; sons Tad, Bruce, and Scott; and four grandchildren.

41 **Dorothy Belperche Chambers**, 83, of Marina, Calif., on October 14, 2003. She taught French and Spanish at Ramsey (N.J.) High School and later taught in Salinas, Calif. She was a resident of Monterey County for 40 years. Predeceased by husband Thomas F. Chambers in 1987, she is survived by a brother and a sister.

William H. Hallock, 85, of Granville, N.Y., on August 19, 2003. After working for the DuPont Company for a number of years, he started his own shade manufacturing business in Granville. His public service work included the school board and the board of the Washington County Children's Fund. He was predeceased by wife Annie Christine (Philips) and brother Edward Hallock '38. Survivors include sons William Jr. and Jonathan Hallock, daughter Kimberly Jones, and two grandchildren.

Geraldine Lynch Palmer, 83, of Jupiter, Fla., on October 31, 2003. Her career included insurance underwriter, high school French teacher, secretarial work, and elementary school teaching. She also enjoyed volunteering in schools and public libraries. She leaves husband Allen G. Palmer; daughters Joy, Jean, and Janet; and a granddaughter.

42 **Alice Voorhees Adams**, 83, of Bridgewater, N.J., on October 25, 2003. She was a laboratory technician with E.I. duPont for two years prior to her marriage to George L. Adams. She served on the Highland Park Board of Education and was active with Scouting, PTA, and church choir. Predeceased by her husband and daughter Elizabeth Teo, she leaves daughter Melissa Adams, son David Adams, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Watson Kitchell, 83, of Yarmouth Port, Mass., on October 15, 2003. She was an executive secretary in Manhattan prior to her marriage to Charles H. Kitchell '42 in 1969. They lived in Larchmont, N.Y., until moving to Cape Cod in 1986. She was a member of the Centerville Congregational Church and the Osterville Garden Club. Predeceased by her husband in 1988, survivors include sister Marjorie Watson Haller '45, two brothers, a stepson, daughter-in-law Jane Barney, three grandsons, and brother-in-law James W. Kitchell '51.

43 **Helen Northrop Mitchell**, 81, of Prescott, Ariz., on September 20, 2003. A World War II U.S. Army Nursing Director in Blandford, England, she married one of her patients, Lt. Albert G. Mitchell Jr., in 1945. He survives her, as do sons John and Alan, six grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. Her late aunt, Bertha Stilson Ranger, was a member of the Class of 1909.

Ruth Vedder Truax, 81, of Schoharie, N.Y., on July 27, 2003. She and husband Willis I. Truax lived on their family farm and operated a dairy herd until the early 1960s. They also managed a country store, the Apple Barrel, until their retirement in 1982. She helped found the Schoharie Colonial Heritage Assoc. and served as president for the last 25 years. She spearheaded the acquisition and restoration of many historic buildings and the last combination coach-baggage car from the M&S Railroad. Predeceased by her husband in 1995, she leaves sons William Jr. and Edwin Truax.

44 **M. Jane Landes**, 81, of Larchmont, N.Y., on November 13, 2003. After working for Standard Oil in Linden, N.J., she began her 33-year career with Lederle Laboratories in Pearl River, N.Y., where she worked on research leading to new medicines for arthritis, cancer, and other diseases. Many of her articles were published in scientific journals. Retiring in 1984, she continued to be active in Middlebury's alumni affairs and attended the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September 2003. She is survived by three nephews.

45 **Thomas N. Bonner**, 80, of Scottsdale, Ariz., on September 2, 2003. A student at Middlebury when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in 1941, he served with Army Signal Intelligence during World War II. A scholar and administrator, he chaired the history department at the Univ. of Cincinnati McMicken College of Arts and Sciences and became VP and the first provost at the Univ. of Cincinnati. He served as president of several colleges, retiring in 1997 as prof. emeritus and president emeritus of Wayne State Univ. He published several books on American medical history. Survivors include wife Sylvia Firnhaber-Bonner, daughter Diana Bonner, and son Phillip Bonner.

William W. Montgomery, 80, of Chestnut Hill, Mass., on November 7, 2003. As an internationally recognized otolaryngologist, he dealt with disorders and diseases of the ear, nose, and throat. He pioneered many surgical procedures, particularly of the upper respiratory system. Adept at woodcarving since childhood, many of the prostheses he later used in his medical procedures, such as devices to reopen trachea or separate vocal cords, began as carvings. Among those whose speech he restored was Jack Klugman of the *Odd Couple* and Philadelphia philanthropist John W. Merriam, who subsequently endowed a chair which funded Dr. Montgomery's research for many years. A native Vermonter, he received his medical degree from UVM Medical School (1947), served his internship in general surgery at Burlington's Mary Fletcher Hospital, and had a general practice of medicine and surgery in West Rutland, Vt. (1948-1950). With the outbreak of the Korean War, he served in the Navy as a battalion surgeon (1950-1952) and was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor. After the war, he became a resident in otolaryngol-

ogy at Harvard Medical School (HMC) and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (1952-55). Joining the faculty at HMC, he was appointed professor of otology and laryngology in 1970 and the John W. Merriam Professor of Otology and Laryngology in 1993. The author of more than 180 publications, he received the Harris P. Mosher Memorial Award from the Triological Society, a Presidential Citation from the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, the Newcombe Award from the American Laryngologic Association, and the Chevalier Jackson Award from the American Bronchoesophagologic Society. Retiring from clinical practice in 2002, he continued to serve as a teacher and researcher. Predeceased by father Charles L. Montgomery '19, he leaves sister Jane Montgomery '54; former wife Donna Montgomery; sons Lynn, Scott, Stuart, Leslie, and Robert Montgomery; and seven grandchildren. A nephew, Stuart Santee, graduated from Middlebury in 1996.

46 **Robert B. Rowley**, 84, of Wolfeboro, N.H., on August 14, 2003. An attorney for a firm in Lowell, Mass., he moved to Wolfeboro after retiring in 1986. A World War II veteran serving in the Army Air Corps, 8th Airborne, he was the tail gunner on a B-17 shot down over Germany and was a POW until 1945. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Predeceased by wife Betsy (Buck), he is survived by sister Katherine Rowley Tuttle '46, son Abbott Little, daughters Amelia Jones and Susan Rowley, stepson Brad Allison, and three grandchildren.

49 **Donald A. Craig**, 77, of Newport, Vt., on August 8, 2003. He was employed by Ralston Purina Co. for 22 years and was comptroller of the Northeast Kingdom Mental Health Services for 20 years. An eclectic reader, he published *Amen: A Book of Uncommon Prayer* in 1987 and *A Lens of Ice* in 2001. He served in leadership positions in the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Survivors include wife Eunice (Young), daughter Cynthia Greenwood, sons Reginald and Charles Craig, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

50 **Richard L. Champlin**, 77, of Jamestown, R.I., on August 14, 2003. A Navy veteran (1944-46), he instructed the Russian military in the use of sonar equipment. He was a cataloger, assistant librarian, and librarian for 40 years at Newport's Redwood Library, the country's oldest lending library, retiring in 1991. He was also a self-taught naturalist, botanist, geologist, and ornithologist. He received the Distinguished Naturalist Award from the Rhode Island Natural History Survey and made significant contributions in the scientific knowledge of Rhode Island organisms, geology, and ecosystems, as evidenced by 73 published books, scientific papers, and periodicals. He leaves a sister and her children.

Nancy Rose Edmonds, 75, of Austin, Texas, on October 23, 2003, after a battle with breast cancer. From 1955 to 1977, she lived in Washington (D.C.), Iran, Afghanistan, Lebanon, and Egypt. She held various positions at the Episcopal Church Center in Manhattan from 1978 to 1993. In 1997, she moved from Connecticut to Austin, where she remained active in the Episcopal Church and volunteered for Next to New and the Bryker Woods Elementary School. She is survived by daughters Eugenie Edmonds, Janet Edmonds (M.A. English '86), Deborah Carrier, and Henrietta Edmonds, as well as one granddaughter.

Charles E. Sherman, 79, of Sun City Hilton Head, S.C., on November 26, 2003. He was retired from the National Food Chain. Survivors include wife Martha (Falconer), son Charles Sherman, daughters Mary Woods and Anne Sherman, and five grandchildren.

Barbara Ferris Smith, 74, of Tucson, Ariz., on August 1, 2003. A professional church organist and choir director, she served as minister of music for churches in Newington and New Britain, Conn.; Braintree and Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Mt. Lebanon, Pa.; Palm Desert, Calif.; and Tucson. She received a master's in church music in 1969, the same year in which she performed with the Boston Pops as part of a duo piano team. During her 50th Reunion in 2000, she performed Cesar Franck's *Piece heroique* on the pipe organ in Middlebury's Mead Chapel. She is survived by husband Richard A. Smith, son Daniel Smith, daughter Susan Jaskot, and three grandchildren.

Harold B. Tatro Jr., 79, of North Adams, Mass., on September 18, 2003. A veteran of World War II, he served with the Navy in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. After working 10 years at his family's business, the former McCraw & Tatro Store in North Adams, he worked for New York Life Insurance Co. for 26 years, retiring as a training supervisor in 1986. He leaves wife Phyllis (Belanger), son Jeffrey Tatro, daughter Karyn Wilson, and three grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include his father, Harold B. Tatro '20, and an aunt, Lillian Deans Carlson '21.

51 **Gordon S. Ross**, 75, of Rutland, Vt., on August 18, 2003. After completing two years of post-graduate study at Oxford Univ. in England, he served in the Army during the Korean War. Moving to New York City, he began work at American Express and retired from the office of the treasurer in 1989. Moving back to Vermont, he was active with Habitat for Humanity and the Friends of the Rutland Free Library. Survivors include wife Jane (Morrison), daughter Elizabeth Falk, son Andrew Ross, four grandchildren, and brother James Ross '51. Middlebury survivors include sister-in-law Ann McGinley Ross '53, nephew Peter S. Ross '78, niece Lauren Ross '81, great-niece Abigail Ross '04, and cousin Salome Ross Demaree '40. Deceased Middlebury relatives include great-grandfather Lucretius D. Russ 1852, grandfather Carroll B. Ross 1882, father Stewart Ross '20; great-uncles Willis M. Ross 1886, Charles L. Ross 1895, Lucretius H. Ross 1890, and Paul G. Ross 1893; uncles Paul D. Ross '10, Donald Ross '23, and Richard E. Ross '36; aunt Adelaide Ross Hoyt '15; and several cousins.

52 **Charles E. Harris**, 75, of Greenfield, Mass., on October 7, 2003. An Army veteran, he was a senior engineering aide with the Massachusetts Highway Department for 36 years, retiring in 1990. For more than 50 years, he belonged to the Second Congregational Church and the YMCA in Greenfield. He is survived by brother James S. Harris. His father, Roy D. Harris, was a member of the Class of 1917.

Harold E. McGee, 75, of Williamsburg, Va., on October 1, 2003. During World War II, he served in the Army in the Pacific. With graduate work at Boston College and Harvard Business School, he was an executive with New England Telephone Company and AT&T, retiring after 33 years to Shelter Island, N.Y. A part owner of the Shelter Island Hardware Store, he served as a town councilman for eight years and was active in the Lions Club, the Yacht Club, and Gardiner's Bay Country Club. He moved to Williamsburg three years ago. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Jeanne Koelsch McGee '52: daughters Alice Fernandes and Judith Bayer: sons John McGee and Robert McGee: and eight grandchildren.

53 **Nancy Bush Beekman**, 71, of South Shaftsbury, Vt., on August 28, 2003, from injuries incurred in an automobile accident. Her love of poetry, writing, and theatre were major forces in her life. She leaves her husband of 50 years, Philip E. Beekman; daughters Elizabeth Beekman, Leslie Carter, and Nancy Beekman; and five grandchildren. The Nancy Bush Beekman '53 Scholarship Fund has been established by Nancy's family and friends. Income from the Scholarship Fund will provide aid for deserving students, with preference for those studying English, creative writing, or theatre. Contributions may be sent to Senior Development Officer Kevin McAteer, Middlebury College, Munford House, Middlebury, VT 05753.

54 **L. Stephen Pilcher**, 70, of Torrance, Calif., and Wellfleet, Mass., on August 25, 2003, following an aortic aneurysm. He continued his studies in physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, then began his career as a scientist and engineer at Hughes Electronics Company. A pioneer in the development of this country's space program in the 1960s, he was a key player in the Hughes satellite communications programs. He was the chief engineer on the Intelsat IV program, part of the international, transoceanic satellite communications system which replaced the coaxial cables. In his last assignment at Hughes, he was chief designer of the HS 702 satellite, the largest and most powerful commercial communications satellite manufactured and orbited to date. He is survived by sons Lewis S. Pilcher IV '76 and Brian F. Pilcher, the children of his first marriage to Jane Ellen Rudolph '55; and by son John W. Pilcher, the child of his second marriage to Suzanne Walker. He also leaves three grandchildren.

John G. Stewart, 72, of Pinehurst, N.C., on November 5, 2003. He was the owner of the Stewart Insurance Agency in Skaneateles, N.Y. He retired to Vermont before moving to Pinehurst in 1995. An avid skier, golfer, and sailor, he belonged to the Skaneateles Country Club and the Rotary Club of Pinehurst. Surviving are his fiancé Patricia Clinton Williams and two cousins.

56 **Gary C. Lott**, 68, of Rocky Hill, N.J., on November 10, 2003. After studying set design at Carnegie Institute of Technology, he earned a master's in history from Columbia Univ. His teaching career spanned 39 years at Princeton Day School, where he received several awards in recognition of his teaching excellence. He chaired the history department, was involved in theater, and coached the mock-trial team. After retiring in 2000, he continued to do substitute teaching. A marathon runner, gardener, and artist, he had two shows of his water colors and clay sculptures. Predeceased by first wife Joy Thompson Lott '56 in

1972, he is survived by wife Joyce (Greenberg), son Carl Lott, daughter Sara Lott, four stepchildren, one grandchild, and six step-grandchildren.

Marcia Hanson Stigum, 68, of Cornville, Ariz., on August 7, 2003. With a Ph.D. in economics from MIT (1961), she taught at Northeastern, Wellesley, Cornell, Loyola, Northwestern, and Yale. At Loyola, she was the first woman to teach in the graduate program in business. In 1978, she joined the New York firm of Carroll, McEntee & McGinley as a money market specialist; in 1981 she established her own firm. As president of Stigum and Associates, Ltd., she was looked upon as one of the foremost authorities on the subject of the money market, serving as a consultant and adviser to major banks, corporations, government agencies, and institutions internationally. Her 1978 book, *The Money Market: Myth, Reality and Practice*, became the standard reference for dealers, bankers, investors, and other money market professionals. She was the author of six business books, four academic books, and numerous articles. In 1987, she received a Middlebury Alumni Achievement Award. She married Allan Fox in 1999; he died in 2001. Survivors include sons Tove Stigum and Erik Stigum, and five grandchildren.

59 **Sheldon Shapiro**, 70, of Baldwinville, Mass., on August 18, 2003. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he worked as a driller and geologist for Geomeasurements, Inc., of Harvard and Storch Engineers of Boston. He became an environmental analyst for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Water Resources Commission and a project manager for the Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Management, retiring in 1996. A longtime resident of Lancaster, Mass., he helped found and manage the Lancaster Hockey Association, served as a Little League coach, and was active in community theater. Predeceased by first wife Jillian (Estabrook) in 1993, he leaves wife Virginia (Rosa), sons William and Jonathan Shapiro, daughter Leah Shapiro, a stepdaughter, and a stepson.

61 **Anne Clowes Yale**, 64, of Toms River, N.J., on November 28, 2003. With her teaching certification from the Univ. of Louisville (1962), she taught at St. Mary's Hall in Burlington, N.J., for several years. She also taught at Ranney School in Tinton Falls and at Lakewood Community School. Her volunteer activities included the Red Cross. She leaves husband John W. Yale, son Wesley Yale, two grandsons, and a sister.

66 **David G. Rothschild**, 59, of Putney, Vt., on October 23, 2003, after a 10-year battle with colon cancer. With an M.A. from Columbia Univ., he taught at the grammar school in Putney for 25 years and served on the Putney select board. The last years of his life, he concentrated on the creation of a new library for the town of Putney. He is survived by wife Linda (Chittenden), sons Wilson and Cooper Rothschild, and three brothers, including Andrew G. Rothschild '69.

73 **Peter J. Kempers**, 52, of Fairfield, Me., on October 23, 2003, after a long battle with cancer. For nearly 30 years, he worked for C.O. Beck & Sons Roofing Co. He leaves wife Jeanne, sisters Natasha Kempers-Cullen '71 and Margot Kempers, and brother David Kempers. He was predeceased by his mother, Anne Grimshaw Kempers '48.

74 **David S. Stone**, 51, of Marion, Mass., on August 31, 2003. With a Ph.D. in plasma physics (MIT, 1979), he was the founder and president of Lightspan, LLC (Wareham, Mass.), a company specializing in optical engineering in advanced polymers. His previous employers included Nye Lubricants (Fairhaven, Mass.), Sippican Corp. (Marion, Mass.), and Varian Associates (Palo Alto, Calif.), where he developed commercial and defense applications of microwave technology. A dedicated and passionate scientist, he enjoyed engaging young minds in the sciences. A sailor, pilot, and poet, he also played tennis and guitar. Survivors include wife Ellen (O'Gorman), son Samuel Stone, daughter Jacquelyn Stone, his parents, and brothers Benjamin '76, Peter, Jonathan, Andrew, and Daniel Stone '05.

75 **Amy Gitterman Hackett**, 49, of St. Louis, Mo., on March 5, 2003, after a long struggle with breast cancer. With a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Brandeis Univ. (1980), she was employed by Monsanto Company of St. Louis. She is survived by husband Brian P. Hackett '75, and children Alice, David, and Rachel Hackett.

81 **Robert Arbacher** (formerly Nesheim), 44, of Silver Spring, Md., on October 4, 2003. He was director of software operations for HomeTech Information Systems in Bethesda. He changed his surname from Nesheim to Arbacher about seven years ago. A competitive Frisbee player, he was a member of the team that won the 1983 Ultimate Frisbee World Championship in Lucerne, Switzerland. He was playing Frisbee when stricken with his fatal heart attack. Survivors include wife Judith and daughters Becca and Rachel Arbacher.

Faculty

Ronald R. Bielli, 82, of the Maine Veteran's Home in Augusta, Maine, on August 18, 2003. A UVM graduate in electrical engineering, his college years were interrupted by World War II. He enlisted again for the Korean War, then completed graduate studies at Brown Univ. After teaching for two years at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, he joined the Middlebury faculty in 1956 and remained until his retirement 28 years later. He taught more than a dozen mathematics courses, served as chair of the math department, and was an adviser to many freshmen and math majors. As chairman of the athletic policy committee, he secured substantial gains for women athletes and their teams. He served for over two decades as scorer (late chief scorer) of intercollegiate skiing competitions at the Snow Bowl. His artistic creativity was expressed in his watercolors, reflecting a great love of nature and a special appreciation of the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area in Addison, Vt. For more than 60 years, he was avidly interested in fly-tying and fly-fishing; his ashes were scattered at his favorite fishing hole near Middlebury. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Rachel; daughters Alison Bielli Nichols '71, Adele Bielli Savastano, and Andrea Bielli; and two grandchildren. Contributions in his name will support the Women's Athletic Program at Middlebury College. (Send contributions to Assoc. VP for College Advancement Ann Crumb, Middlebury College, Meeker House, Middlebury, VT 05753.)

Hilda Mae Brown, 95, of Shelburne, Vt., on December 25, 2003. Her long association with Middlebury College began in 1931, when her husband, Richard L. Brown, accepted a teaching appointment in the English department. In 1961, a year after her husband's death, she became a housemother at Pearson's Hall. By the mid-1970s she had become the official hostess for the Deanery, where she remained until her retirement in 1997. With a great interest in horticulture, she maintained the Deanery gardens and traveled the world as a flower show judge. She is survived by son Richard L. Brown Jr. '53, daughter Barbara Brown Power '53, and several grandchildren, including Deborah Power '78.

Language Schools

50 **Anna Mulno Leland**, M.A. Spanish, of Denver, Colo., on February 12, 2003. In the 1950s, she was director of courses and social/cultural activities for the U.S. Information Agency in Colombia, South America. She taught languages in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New Mexico.

John Stimson Wyeth, 79, of Needham, Mass., on August 8, 2003. He retired in 1999 as a librarian in the technical service department at Framingham State College.

Doris Charrier Vladimiroff, 75, of Greenville, Me., on August 1, 2003. She was project director of Bowdoin College's Upward Bound program from 1966 to 1992. She also taught English for the Univ. of Maine system and Bowdoin College.

62 **Margaret Grant Fielders**, 88, M.A. English, of Columbus, Ohio, on August 5, 2003. She was a professor and chair of the department of library science at Ohio Dominican Univ.

Margaret McLean Lashua, 77, M.A. Spanish, of South Glastonbury, Conn., on September 1, 2003. She was director of the Foreign Language Program at Glastonbury.

63 **Paula M. Bartlow**, 71, M.A. French, of Portland, Ore., on August 22, 2003. She was a high school teacher and university prof. of French.

69 **Frank E. Bradley**, 75, M.A. French, of Darnestown, Md. He was a language teacher and guidance counselor at several high schools. He leaves wife Susan McKeon Bradley, M.A. French '69.

71 **John E. Dick**, 64, M.A. English, of South Kingstown, R.I., on November 10, 2003. He taught high school English for 22 years.

76 **Carolyn V. King**, SSJ, 77, M.A. Spanish, of Springfield, Mass., on August 15, 2003. A language teacher for 30 years, she worked as an interpreter for the state welfare department, retiring in 1993.

85 **William C. Noll**, 47, M.A. English, of Frederick, Md., on September 16, 2003. He taught at Middletown Middle School and at the Little Wound School on the Pine Ridge Reservation, Kyle, S.D.

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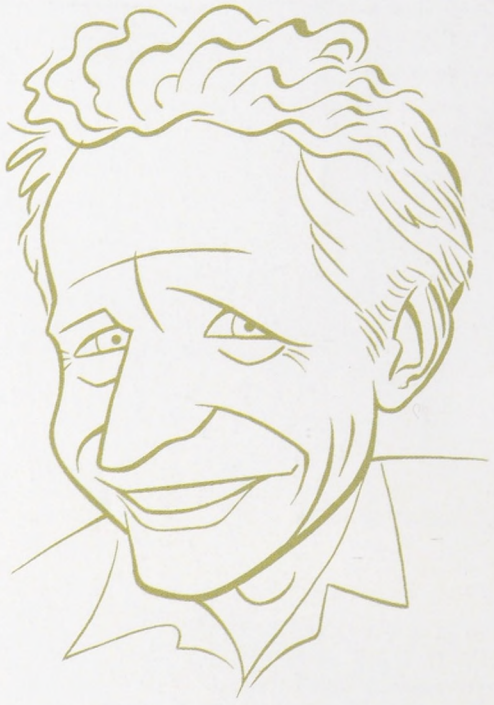
Doing It My Way

Fed up with politics as usual, a Midd grad runs for mayor in Portland, Oregon.

By Phil Busse '92



LAST SUMMER, I declared that I was running for mayor of Portland, Oregon.

At 34, I'm more than two decades younger than any other candidate in the race. And while I've interned for Jimmy Carter, worked as an attorney in San Francisco, and taught business law at the University of Oregon, at the outset of my campaign, I felt somewhat like a babe in the political woods—and was duly treated that way. A cross-town rival derided my campaign as a P.T. Barnum stunt, while a writer from the *Oregonian,* the state's largest newspaper, told me, "We're counting on you to keep the election *interesting.*"

At first I resisted and tried to act like a mature politician, to kiss babies and shake hands. But it felt awkward, like a five-year-old boy dressed up in his dad's oversized suit.

To understand where I'm coming from, you should know that four years ago I helped launch a weekly newspaper, the *Portland Mercury,* that promises "news, culture, trouble." My job has mainly consisted of writing about politics in a way that engages twenty- and thirty-something hipsters; once we offered $200 and a bottle of whiskey to any reader who could elicit a response from a city council member after he refused to answer my questions about a rather fishy vote he had cast.

Last summer I decided to up the ante and jump into local politics myself. In a column entitled "Me For Mayor," I wrote that the city council was out of touch and that the retiring mayor had ignored the city's most needy during her 12 years in office.

Surprisingly, our paper received a good deal of supportive e-mails and phone calls, ranging from young campaign volunteers to a Marine saying he didn't care for our paper's editorial content, but he planned to send an absentee ballot voting for me anyway. And then I got an e-mail from a local college radio station. I didn't know it then, but I had found my James Carville: a scruffy, heavy-metal-loving college kid named Steve.

When I arrived at Portland State University's radio station, Steve was slumped in a chair, a dirty baseball cap pulled low over his eyes. He was cradling a beer in a brown paper bag; Ozzy Osbourne blared from the speakers. "Dude, you coming down here, drinking beer with me, playing music, that's cool," he said, adding: "But you'd better be serious." He went on to explain that he's interested in politics, but has no faith in political institutions like city hall. My candidacy had stirred some sort of inspiration in him, however. It was, he said, as if politics suddenly had relevancy.

Up to that moment, I had been running a campaign based on road maps from previous elections. But for any generation coming into its own, perhaps the most defining question is how to succeed without compromising style or attitude. For my campaign, this had been a particularly anxious issue; I was motivated to enter the race out of a distaste for politics as usual.

In the week following the show, I challenged a local talk show host to a doughnut-eating contest, followed by a debate on criminal justice reform. When another mayoral candidate announced that he was "talking with the people," I began documenting these dialogues in a journal labeled the "Big Book of Complaints." I've begun hosting a weekly film series at local coffee shops, counterbalancing cynical movies like *The Candidate* with the eminently uplifting *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.*

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